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Council tax up... but county set to spend £1.5 million on their HQ refurbishment

by Lottie Welch
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FURIOUS Liberal Democrats at Dorset County Council (DCC) have challenged Conservative priorities in spending £1.5 million on refurbishing County Hall while proposing a rise in the council tax.

DCC agreed to increase their slice of council tax by 4.99 per cent last week when setting the budget for 2017/18.

Councillors agreed to raise the tax by 1.99 per cent – the maximum without triggering a referendum – plus a further three per cent, which will raise £6million, to be used to fund adult social care.

In December, the government announced it was giving councils more flexibility with the adult social care precept, allowing a three per cent rise this year as long as the overall increase remains no more than six per cent over three years.

Liberal Democrat councillors are not supporting the budget and claim the refurbishment plans are "spitting in the face of council tax payers".

Cllr Ros Kayes said: "Rumours abound that part of this refurbishment will be spent on a roof garden at County Hall.

"While services are being cut, this is spitting in the face of council tax payers in Dorset."

The county council denied claims a roof garden is included in the plans but a spokesperson admitted that a replacement roof garden for one originally in place was included in the original refurbishment plans – but has since been dropped.

Cllr Janet Dover, leader of the Lib Dem group, said: "The Conservative cabinet in DCC is in complete disarray. They are totally out of their depth. How can they expect staff or council tax payers to trust them ever again?

"Social worker numbers have been slashed leading to delays in care for our most vulnerable people, youth clubs and bus services have been slashed.

"How can they possibly justify slashing bus services by a further £1million and spending £2million on refurbishment of the offices [a figure refuted by the county council].

"Who is to blame for this situation? Let's look at the facts. We have a Tory government, a Tory county council and only Tory MPs in Dorset.

"We need this cabinet in Dorset to link together with Conservative councils across the country and demand more funding for local government.

"Central government is saving money in Whitehall by penalising delivery of local services. The people of Dorset deserve better than this.

"These are life and death services, such as caring for the elderly and protecting children. These are buckling under growing demand."

The 4.99 per cent increase in the county council's share of council tax means a Band D council taxpayer will pay £63 more a year, or £1.21 a week.

With the shares for Dorset's district, borough, town and parish councils, fire and police services also in-

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■ CROWDS gathered in Bucky Doo Square on Monday night to protest against the Trump administration, including Tracey and Simon West (both right) of Frack Free Lyme Regis *Full story on page 3*

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ORIGINALLY from Ramsgate in East Kent, Holly Thea spent most of her childhood in Canterbury before moving to the South West to run a bed and breakfast in Galstonbury.

She spent many years in secretarial/office positions, including for Arabella Churchill in her Childrens' World Charity, based in Glastonbury, and has also had several more unusual jobs including looking after giant tortoises, being a house steward at Athelhampton House and driving a mini camper van loaded with Cornish pasties around Milton Keynes.

She now lives in Uplyme and has recently launched cleaning company Sweeping Beauty with friend Pauline.

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● HOW did you come to set up Sweeping Beauty?

I had been working at Seaton Tramway, which I loved, but the seasonal nature of the job did not suit my bank balance! My friend Pauline and I had both been cleaning independently in the area for a few years. Pauline had also previously run a large domestic cleaning business in the Home Counties. With over 10 years of experience between us, we knew what worked and what didn't, so decided to combine forces and Sweeping Beauty was born!

Although we only really started a year ago, we have gone from strength to strength, largely through word of mouth recommendation and have now been joined by a couple of lovely local ladies. It has been a really successful first year and we have regular domestic clients as well as some holiday properties. We are hoping to expand even further this year.

● WHAT kind of cleaning services do you offer?

We offer cleaning services in and around Lyme Regis and currently cover from Morecombelake to Beer. We specialise in domestic cleaning, although we do also cover a small portfolio of holiday properties. Cleans can be regular weekly, fortnightly, monthly or even on an ad hoc basis. We also provide end of let of moving in/out cleans.

We pride ourselves on not only doing a good job but being able to tailor our service to each customer needs and try to match them with the cleaner we feel will be most compatible on a professional and personal basis. We understand that it can take a big leap of faith to have a stranger working in your home, so try to make the process as painless and straightforward as possible. Often clients are so pleased they become regular clients in their new abode.

● WHAT do you enjoy about the job?

The best parts of the job are getting to meet interesting people from all walks of life and cleaning in places with stunning views. Also, as we cover a ten-mile radius of Lyme Regis, we are lucky enough to have some of the most spectacular drives to work in the area. No two days are alike and it's very satisfying leaving a property gleaming and the client happy.

● ARE you involved in any local groups or clubs?

If I'm not cleaning then I'll be drumming. I lead the fairly newly-formed Sunshine Samba Band in Seaton. We are a community band, open to all who want to come along for the great experience of samba drumming and the social side of meeting new people.

We have a few gigs lined up for the coming year and will be appearing at the Seaton Grizzly in March. I am amazed at how quickly the band has come together to be able to perform and happy that Seaton has a new community group - we are on Facebook if anyone is interested in having a go!

● WHAT do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

More drumming! I also go along to Seaton's Drum 4 Fun group, helping every other Thursday. This is African Djembe drumming and, again, a fabulous group of people coming together to have fun drumming. I find it a great way to relax and love the challenge of learning new rhythms - its very addictive!

● WHAT do you like about living in the local area?

For me it's the stunningly beautiful countryside. We are so lucky here to have the amazing coastline and beaches then the choice of beautiful woodlands and walks further inland.

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Dozens take part in Trump protest rally

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DOZENS of people who want to stand up for unity, diversity and equal rights gathered in Bucky Doo Square on Monday for a 'Love Trumps Hate' protest.

Banners, placards, umbrellas and lights filled the square for the event organised by Walk Together Bridport. The umbrella protest, which signifies shelter, hospitality and the acceptance of people from all nations and walks of life, was part of a nationwide protest and coincided with One Day Without Us, a day of action to celebrate the contribution of migrants to the UK.

ORGANISERS (left to right) Kate Genevieve, Megan Edwards, John Butler and Rose Allwork

Rose Allwork, one of the organisers of the event, said: "Migration – we have always had it in this country and not only that but it is a vital part of this country, it is a vital part of our economy, it's a vital part of our culture and our society.

"We have migrants, maybe not so many in this town but in this town as well, who look after us every day, migrants who work in our schools, who work in our hospitals, who work in our cafes, migrants who have come over to this country because they believe that England is a good place to be, because they believe that England is safe. For many of them, because it is as far away as they can get from the horrors that they have come from.

"We have to really ask ourselves, what kind of country we are and that is why we have come together.

"Those of us who have organised this (did so) because we feel very strongly that we want to be a country that opens our arms to people who are in desperate need and that shows compassion to them, and at the very least organises some means of dealing with the crisis that is growing every day in Europe and not just pretending its not happening.

"If you feel like taking any action after this I would ask you to get in touch with your MP and make some of your ideas about this whole situation round migration and refugees known."

The crowd of protesters heard from many speakers, including Tracey and Simon West who founded Frack Free Lyme Regis, Lizzie Hornby of Bridport Unitarian Chapel and local poet Ged Duncan.

Mr Duncan said: "I think it is something that we all feel we want to say something but were not sure whether that voice is going to be heard.

"But if enough people around the world gather together and say we believe in democracy but we also have certain values that we uphold and feel very strongly about.

"I feel that it's a place [Bridport] where people are very good about making change happen locally, so really getting involved with national issues as well."

Work to strengthen West Bay quay walls under way

WORKS to strengthen the quay walls at West Bay's deep water berth have started this week.

West Dorset District Council has appointed Raymond Brown Construction to carry out the works, which started on Monday (February 20th) and will run for around 16 weeks.

Normal working hours will be between 7.30am and 6pm while Saturday works, if required, will run between 8am and 2pm.

The masonry and concrete harbour walls at the West Bay deep water berth (DWB) have suffered substantial settlement over many years and are now in a poor condition.

Works will be done to stabilise the quay wall by constructing a concrete slab on the quayside that will reduce the forces placed on it by the movement of vehicles and fishing equipment.

The quay wall will be strengthened further by inserting small diameter piles through it into the ground below as well as repairing the stonework.

Cllr John Russell, West Dorset District Council's executive portfolio holder for environment protection and assets, said: "We are pleased to be able to take this much needed maintenance work forward.

"During this time we will also be installing electric and water services and mooring bollards as well as new lifting equipment for unloading fishing boats.

"Public access to the quayside along the deep water berth section will not be permitted during the works but the rest of the harbour quayside will be available for people to enjoy.

"We will endeavour to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum for residents, businesses and the general public."

Council tax increase

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-cluded, the total increase is likely to be more.

Cllr Dover added: "It is time for a change. When the Lib Dems ran DCC, the authority was debt free, now £17.2million each year has to be spent servicing the borrowing of £215.1million.

"These figures blow a huge hole in the Conservatives' assertion that they are the party with financial acumen.

"My party will not be supporting this budget. Total reserves at DCC amount to £101.3million.

"Usable reserves amount to £52.8million. That is why we will not support the proposed council tax rise of 4.99 per cent.

"We urge the Conservatives to tell their government that enough is enough. We urge the voters of Dorset to give them the same message in May."

To be able to set a balanced budget in 2017/18, the council has set a target of saving £18.3million, to be achieved through its Forward Together transformation programme.

This includes:

- £7.1million from Adult and Community Services – including the introduction of fairer care charges, review of care packages and integration with health;
- £4.5million from Environment and Economy services – including a reduction in funding for subsidised transport and reduction of the council's property estate;
- £4.2million from Children's services – including an in-depth review of all budgets, reduction in agency social work staff;
- £1.1million from Chief Executive's Department – including the transformation of central support services, such as IT, finance and HR;
- £1.4million from the council's share of funding for the Dorset Waste Partnership and Public Health Dorset.

Cllr Robert Gould, leader of Dorset County Council, said: "With continuing annual reductions in our government grant funding and increasing demand on our services, councillors reluctantly agreed it is necessary for us to increase council tax.

"While the increased social care precept will help, it does not solve the problem of adult social care, the biggest area of our budget.

"We will continue to make savings by transforming the way we do things, including closer integration of health and social care.

"This robust budget lays out the foundations for our ambitious future plans.

"Our focus remains on delivering the savings we need over the coming year to be able to make sure people in Dorset are safe, healthy and independent and have a prosperous economy."

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Death Notice

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John passed away peacefully in hospital on the 14th February 2017 aged 85 years. A much loved husband to wife Jenny, father to Rachel and Grandad to Emmeline. The Funeral service will take place at St Michael's Church, Lyme Regis on Tuesday 28th February at 1.00pm. Black attire is optional. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Parkinson Disease UK and The British Heart Foundation c/o A J Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3HR

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CCG proposals 'welcomed' by Dorset County Hospital

DORSET County Hospital's council of governors "broadly welcomes" the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group's proposals for the future of health care in the county.

The group met to discuss their response to the current Clinical Services Review and support paediatric and maternity services merging with Yeovil District Hospital, as well as the Bournemouth Royal Hospital becoming the major emergency hospital, with Poole being the major planned care hospital.

In a draft response to the consultation, lead governor Duncan Farquhar-Thomson said: "The council of governors broadly welcomes the proposals of the Clinical Services Review.

"The council of governors agrees with the proposal that Dorset County Hospital remains as a 'planned care and emergency hospital with 24/7 A&E'.

"The council of governors sees the merger of paediatric and obstetric services with Yeovil District Hospital to be essential for both the communities of Yeovil and South Somerset and North, South and West Dorset.

"The council of governors would be totally opposed to transfer of these services to the major emergency hospital due to the travelling times involved and the effect on deprived and vulnerable communities.

"The council of governors accepts the Clinical Commissioning Group's proposal to site the major emergency centre in the east of the county in Bournemouth.

"Governors would like a provision to be made for Dorset County Hospital's A&E to have sufficient capacity to deal with any increase in emergency workload as a result of the location of the major emergency hospital in the east of the county.

"The council of governors would like to see the Clinical Commissioning Group regularly review and report back on the success or otherwise of the proposed changes.

"When the relocation of services from Dorset County Hospital has not resulted in benefits to patients, the CCG should undertake to repatriate those services to Dorset County Hospital."

However, concerns were expressed about travelling times for patients and adequate provision of ambulances.

David Tett, a governor for DCH, said: "Throughout the whole time of my community and public working life can I recall such a sensitive and distressing matter to have to deal with.

"There remains genuine anxiety and concern within the community regarding the future provision of paediatric and obstetric services here in West Dorset even to a possible merger with Yeovil District Hospital and the threat overhanging the future of the Kingfisher Ward."

He concluded by saying he believed matters could have been better presented had the public been given an explicit description of which services would remain the same and what is changing with examples of which local services they may not have in the future.

Hairdressers named and shamed

A BRIDPORT business has been named and shamed as the government has published its largest ever list of national minimum and living wage offenders.

Mrs Heather Dakin trading as Chantelle, a hairdressing salon in Bridport, is among more than 350 employers named for underpaying 15,513 workers a total of £994,685.

It was reported on a list published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy that Mrs Dakin failed to pay one employee £828.69.

More than 15,500 of the UK's lowest paid workers receive back pay, with employers in the hairdressing, hospitality and retail sectors the most prolific offenders.

As well as recovering arrears for some of the UK's lowest paid workers, HMRC issued penalties worth around £800,000.

For the first time, the naming list includes employers who failed to pay eligible workers at least the new National Living Wage rate, which is currently £7.20 for workers aged 25 and over.

Business minister Margot James said: "Every worker in the UK is entitled to at least the national minimum or living wage and the government will ensure they get it.

"That is why we have named and shamed more than 350 employers who failed to pay the legal minimum, sending the clear message to employers that minimum wage abuses will not go unpunished."

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Questions on Councillor's party switch

■ AS chairman of Bridport and District Labour Party I am writing concerning the news that the Weymouth Labour Party Councillor, Mike Byatt, has changed his allegiance and has joined the Tories.

Of course, as with any political party, there are always divisions and internal struggles, but we struggle to understand Councillor Byatt's reasoning.

In the press releases following his resignation, he claims that he has not only lost faith in 'the direction' of the Labour Party, but that the Conservatives have 'ambition and vision' for the future.

Firstly, in terms of 'vision', we question Councillor Byatt's reasoning when three wards in Weymouth are in the top ten for child poverty in the West.

Local residents' children are finding it impossible to find affordable accommodation; and due to the increasing use of zero-hour contracts, difficult to get well-paid jobs.

Further, given the Tory 'vision' for the future, we assume that he supports the privatisation of the NHS.

As reported in the Bournemouth local press, a NHS provider, given the shortage of funding, has formed a private medical section to run alongside the NHS.

The charges made are £40 for a ten-minute telephone consultation, £80 for 20 minutes and £145 for a forty-minute face to face consultation.

Given his newly found 'vision' we presume Councillor Byatt will support the amount of public finance being ploughed into private health companies such as Virgin Health, while the NHS is starved of desperately needed funding.

In view of the above, we can only assume that Councillor Byatt has always been a Tory, and that his 'vision' and 'ambition' for the future is that children in Dorset will continue to be subjected to poverty, young people will still be unable to find affordable accommodation, and that we face the demise and destruction of the NHS.

RICHARD NICHOLLS, Chair, Bridport and District Labour Party

■ WHY did you publish Jon Orrel's rant about the CSR without first pointing out that he is a Green councillor?

He speaks as a politician and no more represents the view of other GPs in the area than the leader of his party whose views he is expressing.

It is disingenuous of a newspaper to spread views like this dressed up as informed opinion.

I was invited to speak as the local CCG Lead but declined when I found out who the other speakers were. This was a party political platform designed to introduce politics into our CSR.

I have no problem with the Labour and Green parties organising a political event and you reporting it, as long as you don't give the impression that a maverick politician who also is a local GP somehow represents a mainstream view.

DR BLAIR MILLAR, Bridport

Searching for D Day veterans to go on funded Normandy tours

■ I AM head of travel for the travel arm of the Royal British Legion, Remembrance Travel, and I'm currently on a mission to find every single surviving D Day veteran.

The Treasury is enabling a series of free-of-charge tours for D Day veterans to return to Normandy and pay their respects to their fallen comrades.

The tours are being funded by the Treasury from LIBOR fines, and will enable a D Day veteran to return with a family member and carer on a six-night tour.

The 2017 tours will take place in March, April, May and September and will give Normandy veterans – now mostly in their 90s – the chance to revisit the Normandy beaches, cemeteries and memorials.

The tours will be accompanied by a medic and a guide from the Royal British Legion.

The tours will depart from London and will include Eurotunnel from Dover to Calais, accommodation, visits to Pegasus Bridge, Juno, Sword, Gold beaches, Arromanches, and war memorials, plus visits to personally specified cemeteries too.

Sadly, there is no database of D Day veterans so we're calling on the goodwill of the media and general public to spread the word. So, if you do know a D Day veteran, please do let them know about our free tours.

Normandy veterans wishing to benefit from this tour need to apply to our tour operator, Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit www.arenatravel.com/journeysofremembrance

NICHOLA ROWLANDS, Remembrance Travel, London

Fantastic service from the NHS

■ I WOULD like to thank everyone who sent me get-well cards, emails and phone calls after my recent sudden heart attack.

The treatment I received from all areas of the National Health Service was fantastic.

After the news coverage it has been receiving lately on the TV and in the media I cannot thank them enough – nothing was too much trouble for them, especially the staff at Dorset County Hospital.

I am now well on the way to recovery!

TONY GREENHAM, Beaminster

Buses are essential if we are to keep older people independent at home

■ I HAVE just read the *Weymouth View From*, and there are yet more adverts for grants for community buses.

All the time we hear, 'keep older people independent in their own homes', and community buses take that away.

The council has our money in their bank account, so why are we having our buses taken away?

All the grant money should be put into the bus services we need to stay independent.

And why are we paying for another train to Weymouth when there is a service from London to Weymouth every half-an-hour, six days a week, and hourly on Sundays?

Our money should be for our services.

As for Mr Beazer, we've heard this song before. He does not seem to realise how poor some people are. His £10/£15 to buy a bus pass is some people's food money.

Railcards are for going on holidays, visits to the London theatre, or visits to family living a long way away. We choose to go on these.

Bus services are for getting your food shopping, going to the doctor, hospitals, dentists, etc. They are our 'needs'.

I hope Mr Beazer pays his fare when travelling on the buses.

None of the people taking the buses away travel on them.

S FOX, by email

Broadchurch returns: new case for final series

AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS TAKES CENTRAL ROLE IN THIRD RUN OF WEST BAY-SET SHOW

THE third and final series of *Broadchurch* is set to hit our screens later this month when the daring duo of DI Hardy and Ellie Miller will be faced with another heinous crime within the ill fated Dorset coastal town.

The award-winning television drama has become famed, not just for its harrowing storylines and relatable local characters, but also for its picturesque setting, with much of the series filmed in and around West Bay.

Broadchurch stars David Tennant and Olivia Colman, as DI Hardy and Ellie Miller, a local crime-solving duo, whose lives and careers are irrevocably changed after a child's body is found at the bottom of the East Cliff.

The popular pair is called upon one last time with a new story, which begins three years after we were last in Broadchurch.

Lives have moved on. Some people have left, some have arrived – and there's a new case to test this old partnership.

A whole host of stars are joining the cast for the final installment, including BAFTA winners Lenny Henry and Georgina Campbell, Sarah Parish, Charlie Higson, Mark Bazeley and National Television Award winner Julie Hesmondhalgh.

Julie Hesmondhalgh plays Trish Winterman, a farm shop worker with a daughter who has recently become estranged from her husband and becomes the victim of a serous sexual assault.

The actress undertook exhaustive investigation before taking on the role in order to make her portrayal as truthful as possible and met with SARC, the dedicated Sexual Assault Referral Centre for Dorset, who provides a comprehensive service to men, women and children who have been raped or sexually assaulted.

She was surprised by the sheer volume of victims and said, "There's no template for who it happens to and it seems like an epidemic, so it's great that a programme like *Broadchurch* is highlighting this type of issue.

"In particular, what they have wanted to do with this is to show women that the police is a safe place to go to and that things have changed.

"There used to be the feeling that you would be treated very badly or not believed and I think there has been a change in the culture of that. Who better to show that than Ellie and Alec?

"They are the police that everyone would want to go to for something like this."

Hesmondhalgh is no stranger to powerful portrayals having previously played the transgender Hayley Cropper in *Coronation Street*, a role for which she garnered six major awards including a National Television Award.

The traumatic episodes depicting her assisted suicide were watched by over 9.5 million viewers.

The actress is very aware of the impact her profession can have on audiences and said, "Historically I've played parts that involve people going through stuff and I'm always very mindful that I'm acting, it's a job and I can switch off at the end of the day.

"It certainly makes you feel very empathic to people who have gone though it."

Julie has appeared on stage in Manchester and London, and on television in *Happy Valley* and *Cucumber*, but was amazed when she got the call to be in the new series of *Broadchurch* and to play such an important role in the show.

"It was a real honour to be asked, but obviously its something that interests me; doing stuff that has something to say about the world is part of who I am, so that's probably why I attract parts like this. It always gives it an extra something to feel like, hopefully, it's making some kind of difference."

Producers of the new series have promised you'll see more of *Broadchurch* than ever

VIEW FROM INTERVIEW

Nicky Sweetland talks to new *Broadchurch* star Julie Hesmondhalgh

What price sea air? Broadchurch by the jar

A JAR of Broadchurch air could be yours for the price of £25 – but that's not even including postage and packaging.

A local entrepreneur has found what they believe to be a gap in the market and is selling the West Bay sea air on eBay.

The description says: "Fresh Dorset West Bay Sea air.

"I live less than half a mile from the coastline of West Bay, home of the hugely successful Broadchurch TV series.

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"Once received, open jar and inhale this pure West Bay air."

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■ **BROADCHURCH – filmed largely in West Bay – is back on our screens from Monday, February 27th, with Olivia Coleman and David Tennant as detectives Miller and Hardy, and Julie Hesmondhalgh taking a new, central role in this, the third and final series**

before: new locations, and more extraordinary Dorset landscape.

Julie had never visited the area before, but was very impressed by the picturesque backdrop and the welcoming locals.

"I knew the scenery was so beautiful and I've loved it."

The actress stayed in a caravan at Freshwater for most of the time she was filming in the area.

"I'd walk over the cliffs to work every morning. I went on walks to Burton Bradstock and I'm very acquainted with all the different beers and all of the different cafes of the West Bay area, so I'm a real fan of it now."

"I'm definitely coming back to Dorset, I love it."

Locals have previously been scornful about some of the accents used by the cast, with many sounding more Bristolian than Dorset.

This is the first time Julie has performed a role without using her natural speaking voice, which has a strong Lancashire twang, so I was interested to know how she had got to grips with the native tongue.

"Apparently I am doing Dorset! I don't know and I'm absolutely terrified about it, but I've worked very, very hard.

"I had a month off and when I came back to it I sounded like a proper 'Farmer Giles', so I had to get in touch with my dialect coach. He had to give me all the sounds again. It's not what you think it is.

"Sarah [Parish] is from Yeovil and although it's Somerset she knows the difference between the local accents, so it's been very helpful to me."

Creator Chris Chibnall has once again written all eight episodes of the drama and is sad to bring the show to its final conclusion.

Chris Chibnall said: "*Broadchurch* has been a life-changing experience for me, and for many of us who make it.

"It's been a strange, mad honour to experience the passion of audiences for this story and these characters.

"It's been wonderful to film in (and showcase) the South West of England – the people of Bridport, West Bay and Clevedon have done us proud across all three series.

"But all good stories come to an end. I hope this one has enough twists and turns, laughter and tears to go out in style."

You can watch the new series of Broadchurch on ITV.

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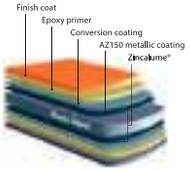

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Long-awaited work begins at Groves Nurseries

WORK starts this week on the new look Groves Nurseries in Bridport after four years of planning.

The site is one of the first things people see as they approach the town and the refurbishment plans will not only enhance the landscape but make for a much more enjoyable shopping experience that will include a new 100 plus seater restaurant.

Charlie Groves, managing director, said: "It is very exciting to see the first building works start after the long planning process but it is business as usual.

"We hope there won't be too much disruption this week as they lay cables for the new restaurant but would suggest customers try to visit us earlier in the day between 8am and 10am when it is usually quieter.

"With works going on at the front of the nursery for these first few weeks, we have also reduced our free delivery threshold for DT6 and DT8 postcodes to an order spend of just £10 to help our customers."

The initial works are expected to be finished by mid-March and the new restaurant open by the end of the year.

Creative courses still open

MOORBATH Creative, which offers art and creative writing courses, held a 'meet the tutors' session last week and course director Anthea Simmons was pleased to welcome a steady stream of visitors.

Tutors David Chandler for painting and Lucy Daniel Raby for writing travelled from Frome and Surrey respectively to explore the venue and meet interested participants.

The first official course is a follow-on from Christine Allison's successful pilot – 'From Realism to Abstraction'.

There are still three places available for the three day non-residential course running from 10am to 5pm on March 7th, 8th and 9th.

For more information visit www.moorbathcreative.com

Local head chef for Bridport Arts Centre

BRIDPORT Arts Centre has appointed a new head chef and kitchen manager for their new café.

Sheryl Hunt will join the team and is promising a new menu of home-cooked favourites.

Sheryl, who is Bridport born and bred, went to the Sir John Colfox Academy and will be a familiar face to many people.

She has 38 years' experience, leaving school to work as a trainee chef before cooking her way around the world, living and working in places such as the Ascension Islands and Antigua.

She later worked in schools feeding the children before moving on to Local Food Links.

She is proud to have always worked with locally sourced ingredients and made good wholesome food from scratch.

As well as serving food throughout the day, the arts centre has launched a season of pre-show suppers before selected events.

Dinners can choose from a two or three course option to enjoy in the refurbished café before the show.

Sheryl said: "Expect all of your favourite foods, but better!

"I am a great believer in the comforting power of food, especially during the colder months – foods like lasagnes, casseroles and curries.

"In the summer it is great to have fresh, home-made quiches and salads. I also love to try different things and experiment.

"Come in and say hello! The food will be excellent quality, value for money and delicious.

"I have very high standards and that is what people can expect from us. And always service with a smile!"

SHERYL Hunt will join the team at Bridport Arts Centre as the new head chef and kitchen manager
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Windows of opportunity: West Country manufacturer celebrates 40 years

In 2017 Somerset and Devon-based West Country Windows is celebrating 40 years of being in business and as one of a handful of West Country manufacturers with a business that is still run by two of the same directors who set it up in 1977; it holds a particularly unique position in the double glazing sector.

When the idea of West Country Windows was born in 1977, directors Ken Ashplant and Tim Earle remember the world as a very different place. Tim recalls the first Concorde flight between London and New York - something which was of particular significance to him as he was studying and living in the USA at the time.

Directors Tim Earle and Ken Ashplant

Meanwhile Ken, who is West Country born and bred, was busy honing his skills as a carpenter and joiner at a national double glazing company, but when he became more involved with the research and development side of the industry it was apparent that there were a number of problems that were not being properly addressed. Ken says he saw his "window of opportunity" and together with Tim and a third director Tony Hamilton (who later retired through ill health) formed West Country Windows.

In the late seventies the firm was located in an old gloving factory, moving to its current HQ in Yeovil in 1980. The Barnstaple office in North Devon was opened in the early 1980s. In those days the market was all about aluminium windows, but that was soon to change with the arrival of UPVC.

In a market that has traditionally been the province of big national companies at one end and small "one man" bands at the other, West Country Windows has stood out as a business that has grown organically, taking time to see what is really important and actually manufacturing its products in the UK rather than sourcing them from large manufacturers churning out thousands a week"

Ken comments, "I think that part of our success can be attributed to our emphasis on having control over the product from start to finish. We firmly believe in controlling the quality of everything we do. Around 90% of the market comprises one man bands, often builders, who are buying in from a range of big trade suppliers more often governed by price than quality or performance."

An important factor contributing to the success of the business is the firm's loyal staff, many of whom have been with West Country Windows since the 1980s. Factory Manager Anthony Smith, known to everyone as "Tommy" is a prime example. Joining the business as part of the YTS (Youth Training Scheme) at age 15, he has never left and now relishes the role of Factory Manager which means he organises and oversees the workforce, making sure they are adhering to the high quality standards that has ensured the success of the business.

Some of the West Country Window employeest

Another "lifer" is Office Manager, Angela Walker who joined in 1983 and said it's more like working for family than going into the office. She emphasised how both directors are always on hand to help staff with any issues or problems and how supportive they are of their team both in and outside the work environment.

Angela said, "Both Ken and Tim are always here and that has really helped to build the feel of the business; we are all in it together and everyone feels they have a role to play in making the company successful and working as a team."

With nearly 40 employees West Country Windows has built a really well managed, close knit team which is essential when keeping up with the demands of the industry.

Ken is proud of their loyal customer base and the fact that they regularly see repeat business. "What's so interesting is we are often asked to fit windows for the same family as they move from house to house. Then we are asked to do the same for their children as they have grown up and had families of their own."

However the market is not just about double glazed windows and one of the biggest sellers for West Country Windows is its wide range of conservatories which can be constructed from UPVC, aluminium or wood and come in a fabulous range of styles and sizes. Tim said, "When we started we probably only sold a handful of conservatories, and the market didn't really start to take off until the late 1990s, but now they are one of our most popular products."

Keeping up to date with current trends is particularly important for the business and they have seen the market change to become more of a design and fashion choice rather than a distress purchase because the house is freezing! Ken says, "The power of programmes like Grand Designs and other lifestyle programmes and publications play a really important role in shaping what people are going to ask for."

Popular trends at the moment include an emphasis on colours - particularly greens and greys, plus solid insulated roofs for conservatories, sky lights and bi-folding doors.

Ken and Tim are confident that whatever trends the future may bring, they will rise to the challenge and continue to exceed the expectations of their customers. As a way of saying thank you they are offering up to 40% off selected products, plus the opportunity to recall memories of those heady days of transatlantic Concorde flights with the chance to win £5,000 in holiday vouchers for any destination in the world. See the website, www.westcountrywindows.com for more details.

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Regional fire service precept on the rise

THE Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority has approved a budget of £53.735million for 2017/18.

Within the recommendation was the requirement to increase their share of council tax by a 2.6 per cent per week increase for Band D properties in Bournemouth, Dorset, Poole, Swindon and Wiltshire – resulting in an annual fire precept Band D of £70.59 for the Fire and Rescue Service within the council tax for the year starting on April 1st.

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service's commitment to keeping communities safe, with what is one of the lowest operating budgets in the country, includes increasing its level of prevention and protection activity, which has led to the fire and rescue service nationally driving down the number of fires over the past 10 years by 50 per cent.

Chief fire officer Ben Ansell said: "Members have approved a fire precept Band D that is well below the national average and we also this year received one of the largest funding reductions of all combined authorities, as the government has granted us 12.3 per cent less than last year.

"Despite that, we are investing even more in our on-call firefighters, who are essential to maintaining fire cover in our predominantly rural areas.

"Alongside this, we are completely committed to our prevention and protection activities, targeting those most at risk at home, at work or on the roads. We will continue working with all our partners, with a focus this year on the new safety centre in Swindon, more salamander courses, the Safe Drive Stay Alive programme for schools and the military.

"Together with local authorities and health partners, we will deliver a range of schemes that will positively benefit all of our communities."

Cllr Rebecca Knox, chairman of Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority, said: "We have a fantastic fire and rescue service, and the authority decision will ensure that the increased activity in prevention and protection such as Safe and Well visits, community safety education and partnerships with health can be strengthened.

"We deliver so much to our local communities, from a 24/7 emergency response to an ever increasing range of personal and business safety activities, and we are committed as ever to investing in firefighter safety."

Celebrity chefs back 'Big Brekkie' for Autism Wessex

LOCAL celebrity chefs Mat Follas (left) and Lesley Waters (right) are supporting Autism Wessex's Big Brekkie campaign. Pictured with Suzanne Kadziola from event sponsor Williams Thompson Solicitors LLP

TWO local celebrity chefs are backing a Big Brekkie campaign to raise awareness of autism.

Lesley Waters and Mat Follas are supporting Autism Wessex in their annual event, which is calling for supporters to join in by hosting their own breakfast in April.

The two chefs have supported the charity for the past three years and previous campaigns have raised more than £12,900 to date, with corporate sponsor Williams Thompson Solicitors LLP acting as headline sponsor once again.

The 10th annual World Autism Awareness Day takes place on April 2nd and, every year, autism organisations celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events.

Autism Wessex is encouraging individuals, businesses and schools to host their own Big Brekkie and donate the funds raised.

Fiona Hawkins, fundraiser at Autism Wessex, said: "This year we are trying to raise an impressive £5,000 and every penny you can donate will help.

"All you need to do is get your friends, family or colleagues together, decide what delicious breakfast you want to eat, download our fundraising pack and host your very own event.

"Please get involved and join us for this fun fundraising opportunity.

"Our information and advice service relies entirely on voluntary donations and is used by local adults, families and professionals for expert, unbiased advice and support.

"Supporting an individual with autism is often a very stressful and difficult time for the whole family.

"Our service gives people somewhere to turn and your fundraising will enable us to continue our invaluable support within the local community.

"Just as those affected by autism rely on us, we in turn must rely on you. Please help us by getting involved."

Autism Wessex will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018 and provides high quality specialist services for people affected by autism and associated difficulties.

The charity provides social care services, adult residential services, an advocacy service and special needs education provision.

Suzanne Kadziola, of Williams Thompson Solicitors LLP, said: "We are delighted to be sponsoring the Big Brekkie campaign once again this year.

"The campaign is a really simple concept which allows people to get involved and raise funds whilst allowing the charity an opportunity to raise awareness of autism.

"So often with an invisible condition we need to continue working towards better understanding within our communities. This fundraising opportunity provides a fun way to do just that."

To find out more and to get involved, visit www.bigbrekkie.org.uk

Advertiser's Announcement

The need for business mediation

BUSINESS disputes are an inevitable part of running a business, and every business owner will eventually experience a dispute or conflict of some sort involving their company and these types of issues can be overwhelming, irritating, and stressful plus financially draining. However, the use of an independent third party in the form of a qualified, (Civil Mediation Council) skilled mediator can lead to an effective resolution.

Whilst business disputes can develop in a variety of areas i.e. with shareholders, fellow directors, suppliers, customers and employees by far the most common is around late or non-payment of invoices.

For a small business, a late payment can have a serious impact, especially if it's for a large amount. Sadly some of the worst payers are big businesses. Corporations often enforce their own payment terms, insisting on paying 60 days after receiving an invoice, or even later. Unfortunately many withhold payment even longer, for the sake of their own cash flow, disregarding the impact that might have on smaller suppliers.

Chasing payments by phone e-mail and letter isn't always enough. If you find that a payment is still not forthcoming even when you have said you will add late payment charges or a fine then to recover the debt you are left with three options, a costly commercial debt collection agency (that route will mark the end of any relationship) court or mediation.

So why use mediation to resolve a dispute? Mediation is quicker less costly and less stressful than going to court. Mediators do not make judgements or determine outcomes but ask questions to uncover the issues that have resulted in the non-payment leading to options for a resolution.

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Busby Auctioneers & Valuers

VENDORS with Busby enjoyed some good results at their Bridport Salerooms to start the year in the February Sale. Amongst items sold was an album of First World War postcards which was bought for £475 which drew a lot of interest from around the country. Also attracting interest was a Hasselblad 500C camera which realised £435, a late 19th century Perken, Son & Rayment brass and mahogany magic lantern which made £205, an Omega watch which made £295 and a very large sideboard which sold for £300 and is being shipped out to Thailand. Overall demand was strong with over 85% of lots being sold with jewellery and furniture doing particularly well.

The General Sale on March 2 offers more of the same with over 500 lots and includes a good selection of cameras including a Rolleiflex 2.8D in its original case (Est. £500 to £600), a wide selection of vinyl records offering most genres including a small collection of LPs by The Beatles and of local interest, a floor mounted cast iron saw bench made by the Paragon Engineering Company Bridport (Est. £60 to £80). Other lots will include jewellery and watches, silver, collectibles, pictures and furniture.

Busby will be holding their next General Sale on Thursday April 6 2017. Entries are invited. Catalogues, results and viewing times are available on line at busby.co.uk

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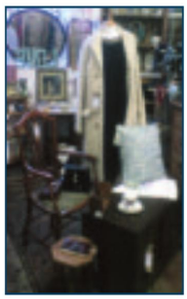

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Roadshow campaign on rogue doorstep callers

ROGUE doorstep callers cost Dorset households more than £1 million in 2016.

Now a series of hard-hitting roadshows are trying to alert residents and increase awareness of the problem.

Nearly 30 events have already taken place in which Dorset Police and Trading Standards officers joined forces to get their message across to the public.

Police Community Support Officer Clive Joyner said: "What we are looking to do is raise awareness of rogue traders and actual doorstep crime.

"We are asking members of the public today that, if they are confident of handling themselves with doorstep callers, that they also consider their neighbours or relatives.

"I have dealt with people who have lost up to £200,000 to a phone scam and the principle is the same with doorstep callers.

"Don't take up high value business or contracts on the doorstep. Do it through reputable proven companies. Rogue doorstep callers cost households in Dorset more than £1 million in 2016.

"Our aim is to reduce this through working with Trading Standards to increase public awareness of the problem.

"I know of rogue doorstep callers who charged £1,200 to cut someone's hedge, so these roadshows are a valued community engagement to deal with this sort of criminal activity which we want to stamp out."

Neville Brown, Dorset Trading Standards enforcement officer, said: "If someone knocks on your door and asks if you want any work done then our advice is to say 'no' and get any work you do need done arranged through local recommendation or Trading Standards' Buy With Confidence scheme.

"We also want people to think about neighbours and family members who might be vulnerable to such crime and get people to report it when it happens.

"As a general rule, if it looks too good to be true then it probably is!"

More details about reputable companies and workers can be found at buywithconfidence.gov.uk or by calling 0345 4040506.

NEVILLE Brown (left) and PCSO Clive Joyner at the roadshow

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Benefits advice service helps 606 people in Dorset affected by cancer

THE Dorset Macmillan Citizens Advice service has helped 606 local people affected by cancer access more than £4 million in benefits and grants during 2016.

The project – a partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support and Citizens Advice – has been running since 2010, providing welfare benefits advice to people with cancer, their carers and family members.

Since 2010 the project has helped 2,850 people access over £13.6 million in vital financial gains to help with the cost of cancer.

Beth Fox, Macmillan Project Manager at Dorchester, Sherborne and Districts Citizen Advice said: "This valued partnership with Macmillan gets real results for people at what is often the most difficult time of their lives.

"Our caseworkers take a huge pressure off by assisting with form completion and maximising income when it is needed most."

Previous research by Macmillan showed that cancer has an average monthly cost of £570 for the vast majority (83 per cent) of cancer patients, incurring costs through travelling to and from hospital appointments, increased household bills due to being at home more and feeling the cold after treatment, and very often having to buy new clothes due to significant weight loss or gain.

Many people have to cut down their working hours or stop working altogether because they are too unwell, resulting in a significant loss of income.

The service is open to self-referral from members of the public, as well as referral via clinical staff. The Dorchester Citizens Advice office hosts the Macmillan Citizens Advice Helpline, and project copordinator Mags Williams distributes the referrals across the four caseworkers covering for the whole of Dorset. The service allows for home visiting which is often a lifeline for those whom travelling can be difficult.

David, a client from North Dorset said: "I was put in touch with the Macmillan caseworker and before I knew it everything started falling into place.

"As I have never used the Citizens Advice before one thing is certain, that they only have your interests at heart.

"Once again many, many thanks for your support, as now I feel my life is getting back to some normality. Many thanks"

Tess Thomas, Skin Cancer Specialist Nurse at Dorset County Hospital commented: "The service has been invaluable to both myself and my patients.

"I have not only utilised the service for referrals but will often ring for advice to be directed to the right source.

"I can only praise all those at the project, who have made an enormous difference not only to my patients, but many patients affiliated to Dorset County Hospital."

This vital service has recently secured further funding from Macmillan until December 2018, which will ensure that no one in Dorset will have to face the financial impact of cancer alone.

The service is contactable on 0845 4900042 from 10am-3pm, Monday to Friday, with a voicemail outside of these hours. Alternatively, email macmillan@dorchester.cabnet.org.uk

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Loders Young Players present annual sports awards

THE Loders Young Players' held their annual awards evening at Loders Village Hall, presenting trophies to their most improved members in a range of sports.

The charity, which encourages young people into sport, also held a bingo and raffle which raised £250.

A spokesperson for the group said: "The awards and bingo evening were a great success and we thank everyone for attending and for helping out on the night, particularly our bingo caller Gus Parkman who was ably assisted on the evening by Frankie Chant. Both did a fantastic event.

"Thanks too to Anna and Lucy for arranging the event.

"We are very grateful for all the raffle prizes from both individuals and the following businesses: Bayside Bakery, Boarsbarrow Design, The Loders Arms and The Anchor Inn at Seatown."

The winner for the most improved in tennis was Frankie Chant; for mini-tennis Oliver Kay and Rose Kay; for badminton Toby Reeves and Dylan Gowrie and for archery Noah Scott Sentence and Gus Gowrie.

Olivia Wilmore was awarded the Captain John Hughes special achievement award for her success and achievement at school, regional and county level in athletics, cross country, javelin and rowing.

She has also had an invitation to join rowing training at Bath University to assess her skills for possible inclusion in the GB training squad.

The spokesperson added: "Congratulations to all and we greatly appreciate the continuing support from all our coaches and also to parents for encouraging the children in their sport."

The group's next fundraising event is a jumble sale and coffee afternoon at Loders Village Hall on Sunday, April 23rd from 2pm to 4pm.

Volunteers and lots of jumble as well as home-made cakes and buns are required and anyone who can store some of the jumble should call Lesley on 01308 420767.

The group would also like to thank Loders PCC for their recent donation of £200 from the proceeds of last year's Loders fete.

■ **TOP LEFT:** Alan Cash with tennis' most improved player Frankie Chant

■ **ABOVE:** Pat Hughes presents Olivia Wilmore with the Capt. John Hughes special achievement award

■ **BELOW RIGHT:** Alan Cash with mini-tennis' most improved players Oliver and Rose Kay

■ **BELOW LEFT:** Lesley Lee with most improved archer Gus Gowrie

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New room at hospice for motor neurone patients

A NEW room for motor neurone disease patients at the Weldmar Hospice has been visited by members of the West Dorset Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The new consulting room has been partly funded by the group.

Suzy O'Callaghan, Weldmar's Assistant Director for Central Dorset, said: "We are very grateful for the gift from the West Dorset Branch.

"We work very closely with their members, and we know that all our patients will appreciate the improved facilities".

The room will allow Weldmar to better serve patients who have reduced mobility, or who wish to bring family members with them to the consultation.

■ **WELDMAR staff were joined by West Dorset Branch MND Association Volunteers, a Nutrition Nurse Specialist, and DCH Community Speech & Language Therapists to view the new room**

WHO'S WHO IN Lyme Regis

Whoopsadaisy

WHOOPSADAISY is tucked away just a short walk up Silver Street, it provides a friendly, colourful, fun workshop space to relax and discover your inner creativity!

Pottery Painting and Decoupage are always available although it's best to book as space is limited! There's also lots of fun workshops on offer throughout the year - Clay building, Mosaic, driftwood art, block printing, jewellery and lampshade making amongst many others.

Create lasting memories - baby footprints printed on pottery or imprinted in clay, celebration plates for a special anniversary wedding, retirement or birth….create a beautiful memento for all occasions, a lovely present or something special just for you! There's a huge range to choose from...money boxes...vases...pet bowls...trinket boxes and of course mugs, plates, bowls and much more!

Children's pottery painting or decopatch parties are popular; it's also a great venue for a hen party or a creative afternoon or evening with friends

Caroline will come out to your venue if you prefer and runs workshops for all ages – mother and toddler groups, cubs, Brownies, WI groups ...in fact any group who would like a fun creative activity at their meeting

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LOCATED on the sea front down by the Cobb, Lyme Bay Pizza boasts some incredible views from their rooftop terrace that overlooks the bay and beyond. It really is the perfect vantage point to enjoy pizza and a bottle of wine overlooking one of the many events which are held in Lyme Regis.

At Lyme Bay Pizza what they serve is a little different from normal pizzas. They start with a sour dough base that offers extra flavour and they are all hand stretched to order. They use Sicilian tomato sauce and diced mozzarella. The pizzas are then topped with a variety of contemporary ingredients such as slow cooked pulled pork, tandoori chicken, smoked pepperoni, frankfurter sausage, wild mushrooms and camembert. Then they are stone baked in their oven.

Owner Nicholas Benwell says, "Our main goals are to do good food well and offer value for money. The food is served in a relaxed environment with seating inside and outside, our front of house team is friendly and very willing to help in any way."

The restaurant serves a variety of wines, larger, cider, spirits and ales from Lyme Regis Brewery and at competitive prices.

Home delivery is now available every Wednesday and Thursday and there is a call and collect option available on their pizzas all week, for those who want to enjoy their food on the beach or at home. Just give them a call.

Lyme Bay Pizza are also available for events such as kid's pizza parties, business lunches, and pizza buffets. Just call to discuss your needs, the team are very flexible with what they can offer.

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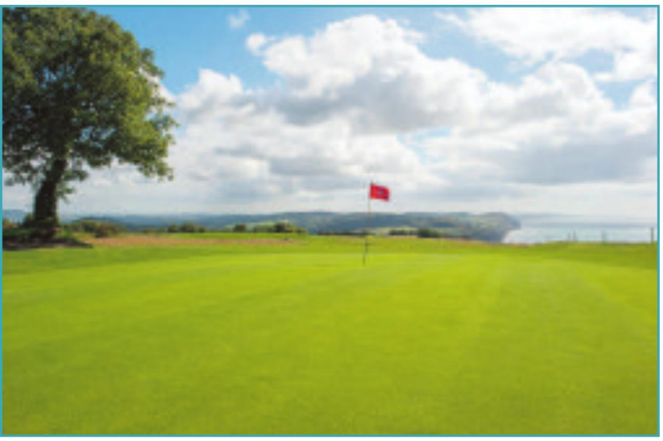
Lyme Regis Golf Club

A CHALLENGE for any golfer regardless of skill, Lyme Regis Golf Club allows visitors and members alike to experience a round of unforgettable enjoyment with quality golf assured and breathtaking views to match. Now and England Golf Championship venue, the course occupies a cliff top location with coastal views over the Jurassic coastline towards Portland Bill and overlooks the historic town and World Heritage Site of Lyme Regis.

Over the years, helped by continuous investment and the commitment of extremely good green keepers, the course has evolved into an acclaimed track measuring 6283 yards par 71 (SSS 71) from the white tees and 5685 yards par 73 (SSS 74) from the red tees.



Membership is available and visiting golfers are always very welcome, with Societies being accommodated throughout the year, and Winter Warmer packages available from October through to March.

The club boats a full length driving range with individual bays, fully stocked pro shop, Huxley all-weather chipping area, indoor custom-fit swing studio and a Today's Golfer Top 50 coach with a team of three PGA professionals.

The first-class golf facilities are complimented by a wonderful restaurant. The restaurant is open all year round to the general public and is led by Michelin Star trained chef Steve Pielesz.

The club is now becoming famous for its superb Sunday Carvery. Open to all visitors from 12 noon – 2:30pm, there is a choice of three meats, and a large selection of vegetables and potatoes that you can help yourself to. As the carvery is so popular it is bookings only, and if you haven't tried it yet, you really should!

The excellent catering reputation coupled with the outstanding views across the bay from the Course also make it an ideal location and the perfect place to hold your private event, party, function, or wedding.

The facilities in the clubhouse at Lyme Regis Golf Club are comfortably able to accommodate up to 150 guests for parties and 120 guests for a formal dinner, and there is a variety of menus available ranging from a finger buffet to a luxury dinner.

For more information on membership or to make a reservation in the restaurant, call 01297 442963.

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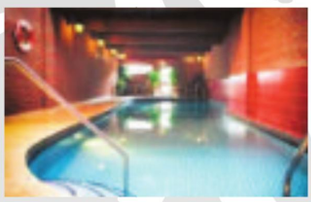

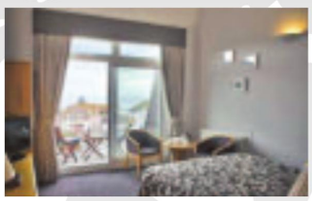

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Coast run and Father Christmas boosted youth centre coffers

BRIDPORT Youth and Community Centre has received a boost from two local groups.

Brit Valley Rotary Club and Bridport Runners have donated £1,000, which is aimed at establishing and developing sports activities in the club, which depends on private donations since Dorset County Council stopped funding the club in 2016.

Half of the money was raised from entrance fees of last year's Bridport Jurassic Coast Run, while the other half was donated by Brit Valley Rotary Club from money raised through their Father Christmas float.

For the last three years, the two community groups have been supporting local projects which are helping children and youngsters to take part in sporting activities or being physically active.

Former recipients were the cross country group at the Sir John Colfox Academy and children from Mountjoy School.

Brian Shelley, chairman of Bridport Runners who will join the youth centre's trust board, said: "Youngsters, especially aged between 12 and 16, need regular sports to support their physical and mental development. Some of them begin to turn into ambitious athletes at that age.

"We hope that the joint donation of our two community clubs will help in establishing the right activities for these young people."

Ros Kayes, chairman of Bridport Youth and Community Centre Trust, said: "We cannot thank Bridport Runners and Brit Valley Rotary enough because we are at the stage of needing to build up our finances.

"We are looking for people to become friends of the youth club; we want to be much more than just a youth club and that means being able to raise money.

"This is also a call out for anybody else who would like to come along and help or to raise money.

"A huge thank you to big community groups giving back to the community. We really hope that we will be able to use their money to advertise and promote sport and healthy living and we can't thank them enough."

ROS Kayes, chair of Bridport Youth and Community Centre Trust, and other members (far left and far right), receive a donation of £1,000 from Brian Shelley (second left) of Bridport Runners and John Dobinson (second right) from Brit Valley Rotary Club

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Cold Turkey Run's £900-plus for air ambulance

THE annual Cold Turkey Run organised by Bridport Classic Bike Club member Mike Biss, pictured front third right, raised £910 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The cheque was presented to air ambulance volunteers, Ron and Jan Bishop, pictured front right, at The Crown Inn, Bridport

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Bothenhampton church lunch

THE congregation of Holy Trinity Church in Bothenhampton will be holding a hot pastry lunch with fruit punch and mulled wine at the village hall on Saturday, February 25th at 12.30pm.

There will also be a quiz and tickets cost £5, which are available from Bridport Music or by calling Ro on 01308 459259.

Creative Mind Exhibition benefitted three charities

AN ART exhibition exploring the benefits of creativity for mental well-being has raised hundreds of pounds for charity.

The Creative Mind Exhibition, which took place from February 3rd to 5th at the Chapel in the Garden, has raised more than £1,000.

The funds will be donated equally between Weymouth Samaritans, Hughes Unit Group Supporters (HUGS) and the Chapel in the Garden.

Emma Williams and Louise Ramsden, organisers of the exhibition, said: "It was a marvellous weekend with many positive comments and generous donations.

"The room looked absolutely stunning with such a variety of colour, shapes and forms.

"We wanted to thank everyone that supported the Creative Mind Exhibition over the weekend and are delighted that so much has been raised for the good causes."

Comments in the visitors' book included: 'An absolutely fantastic and thought-provoking exhibition. Very insightful and I personally found it affirming and inspiring' and 'wonderful to see such varied and inspiring work, much food for thought and ideas for people to follow and try out for themselves or with the groups publicised'.

The exhibition, inspired by Mind and Rethink Mental Health's 'Time to Talk' day, featured work by local artists of all ages and included pottery, photography, video installation, poetry, painting and calligraphy.

THE Creative Mind Exhibition raised more than £1,000 for charity. Pictured above are organisers Emma Williams (left) and Louise Ramsden

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St Mary's evensong to focus on priest-poet

A SPECIAL evensong service at St Mary's Church in Bridport will focus on George Herbert.

In her leader article for the February edition of the Bridge Magazine, the Reverend Janis Moore, associate priest in the Bridport Team Ministry, featured a poem on love and justice by George Herbert, the 17th century priest and poet.

Herbert is particularly respected in the Anglican Diocese of Salisbury because he served the last three years of his short life as rector of St Andrews, Lower Pemerton.

In the Church of England calendar, George Herbert is celebrated on February 27th.

On Sunday, March 5th, the Reverend Janis Moore will preach on George Herbert at the 4pm evensong.

Tim Linsley, director of music, will be selecting hymns and music for the service set to Herbert's words.

'Charity Stomp' this Saturday

BRIDPORT Youth and Community Centre's Charity Stomp takes place this Saturday (February 25th), offering fun, food and frolics for children and adults.

The event starts at 3pm and there will be a range of activities, entertainment and storyteller Martin Maudsley.

Local father Leigh Hansford said: "This is just what we need on a Saturday afternoon.

"She [his daughter] loves stories and a chance to run around, playing with other children while I can enjoy a chat and a cup of tea – and I am looking forward to hearing the storyteller again."

Martin Maudsley's stories will amuse both children and adults and consist of re-tellings of traditional tales from local legends and folk tales to myths and saga.

Margie Barbour, a new recruit to the trustees of the youth centre, said: "Bridport is so lucky to have one of the best storytellers around actually living here, and so generously giving storytelling sessions to events he supports, like the youth centre.

"I used to produce Jackanory [a children's television series] for the BBC and so I can recognise great storytelling when I see it."

Free refreshments will be on offer, with soft drinks supplied by Waitrose and cups of tea from the centre's own café.

The afternoon session, which is from 3pm to 6pm, costs £2 for adults and is free for children and the evening session, from 6pm to 9pm, is £3 per adult and children go free and this includes a disco and buffet provided by Oh Crumbs!

This event is part of the youth and community centre's programme of activities for all the family and has been designed by Roz Copson, assisted by the centre's manager Sarah Corke.

For more information contact Roz on 01308 422650 or Sarah on 01308 422500 or email bridportycc@gmail.com

BRIDPORT Youth and Community Centre's Charity Stomp takes place this Saturday with entertainment from local storyteller Martin Maudsley

Variety show and bake off at Litton Cheney

A CHARITY variety show and bake off will be taking place at the Litton and Thorners Community Hall (LATCH) this Saturday (February 25th).

The event will raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, the Bride Valley churches and the Litton Cheney Children's Playground project.

Seven variety acts have been booked, which include singing, dance and music.

During the interval, a bake-off will be judged.

Show ticket holders will be provided, in advance of the show, with a recipe by the judge, Nicci Campbell of The Angel Cake Company in Poundbury, which they must prepare in advance and bring to the show.

The entries will be judged and a special prize will be awarded during the interval.

The remaining portions will be auctioned off and the proceeds will be divided between the three charities.

There will also be a fundraising raffle with prizes donated by local businesses and members of the community, including £100 cash.

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Deep Clean Carpet and Rugs: Spot-clean rugs and carpeting as stains occur, and deep clean once or twice a year. DIY with a rental or hire an expert.

Clean Window Treatments: Take down your draperies and launder or dry-clean them; dust off blinds and clean with a sponge. Freeing these areas of dust helps to refresh the air in your home so you can breathe easy.

Replace Outside Doormats: Give your front door a fresh new look for spring. Replace your winter-ravaged doormat with a new one.

Check Batteries in Smoke Alarms: Fire safety includes doing a battery check every six months. A great way to remember this task is to do it when you reset clocks for daylight savings.

Clean Your Gutters: It's time again to clear gutters of leaves, twigs, and debris left in winter's wake. It's important to keep gutters clear so they won't clog and drive water under the house eaves and into your walls.

Organize Your Home Office: Go through files and shred unnecessary papers. Give your computer the once-over, sorting folders, deleting outdated files, and backing up important data onto an external drive.

Slipcover Furniture: Protect your upholstered furnishings from intense summer sun by covering them or moving the pieces out of direct natural light.

Prevent Bugs: As the weather warms, insects return in search of food. Don't put out the welcome mat. Instead, make sure all dry goods are stored in airtight containers. Wash your pet's dishes as soon as they finish meals. Check seals on trash receptacles and wash all containers and bottles before recycling.

Prepare Your Outside Spaces: Don't be stuck cleaning the day of your first cookout. Prep now and enjoy your deck or patio all summer long.

Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet: Restock supplies, discard old medicines, refill prescriptions, and replace any expired cosmetics.

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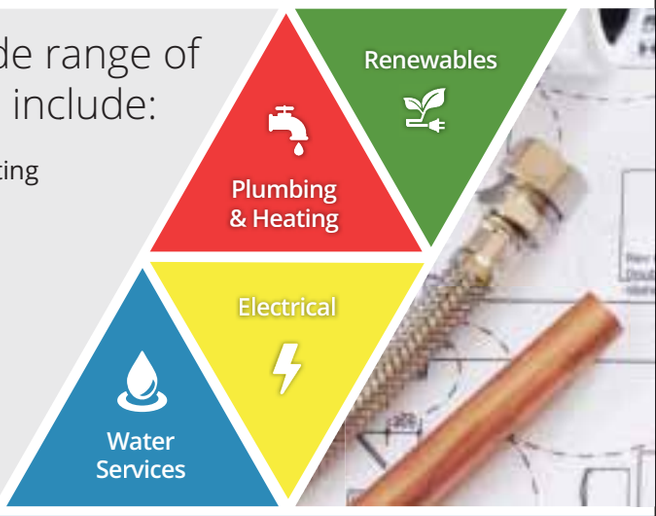

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1. "I use flowers and plants a lot because they really wake up a living room — and then I light them theatrically. I'll wash a flower arrangement in light, or aim one under a big leaf so that it just glows, as if in sunlight, even if it's midnight." — Larry Laslo.

2. "A room should have multiple kinds of light to balance it and give it interest: hanging fixtures with uplights and downlights in them to add perspective, table lamps for tasks, and candlelight for coziness. It's beautiful to group candles in twos and threes on tables and on window ledges. You can use the fat chunky ones and set them on flat stones or old pieces of wood." —James Huniford.

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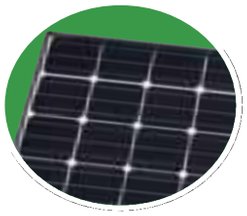

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Your guide to local live music

Copacabana comes to Lyme Regis

Annika Skoogh

MOST PEOPLE wouldn't normally associate "Nordic" with "latin" but that's all about to change when Annika Skoogh's Latin Quartet bring their Copacabana sounds to Jazz Jurassica in Lyme Regis in March.

Swedish bandleader and singer, Annika, is Swedish but born in Ecuador and reckons those bossa beats are wired into her musical DNA. "I was a bit more passionate, more feisty than others growing up around me in Sweden – maybe that was my inner latin beginning to assert itself?"

Her singing career started, like many others, in her bedroom, singing along to Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and latterly Stevie Wonder. It wasn't until she sang in a school choir and thought "hmm, perhaps I can do this" that she developed confidence to perform in public with her guitarist boyfriend doing covers of Bon Jovi and Randy Crawford in Switzerland of all places.

She arrived in Exeter in 2000, after living in Switzerland, Norway and Spain, but now regards the UK as home. Here she joined a gospel choir, then sang backing vocals for a local soul band. Jazz still wasn't on the horizon. "I didn't get into jazz until late in my singing career. My first love was Brazilian jazz inspired by Joyce Moreno, then the acid jazz of groups like Jamiroquai. Only afterwards did I start to listen to people like Ella Fitzgerald, Sinatra and Miles Davis".

She's one of the few female bandleaders around, writing and arranging her own material but usually with male musicians – both rewarding and challenging, she says. "You have to be a certain sort of woman – strong, confident and secure in your own judgment. But the main thing is working as a team. My voice is my instrument and when I sing with other musicians I'm not a separate artist, I'm one of them".

Her infatuation with latin runs deep. "I just love those rhythms and beats. I don't speak Portuguese but I've learnt to sing in it as those Brazilian sambas and bossas just don't sound right in any other language". Capturing the right "feel" is crucial for Annika, "You can be taught the technical side of musicianship but having a good ear and "feel", you either have it or you don't".

In March at Jazz Jurassica, she says, you can expect "a variety of tempo and styles from intimate bossas to uptempo sambas, some in English, but mostly in Portuguese. There'll be shimmying and hip-swaying and even an audience sing-along". Lucky Lyne Regis!

Annika Skoogh's Latin Quartet, Saturday, March 11th, By the Bay Restaurant, Lyme Regis. Customers must book a table in advance because of limited capacity. Tickets from www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk/jazz-jurassica/ or through Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138.

Master of the blues harmonica returns to the Electric Palace

PAUL LAMB, undisputed master of the blues harmonica, is back with is band The King Snakes at Bridport Electric Palace on Friday, March 10th after a memorable Blues night in 2015.

Lamb started playing the harmonica during his childhood, inspired by Sonny Terry, and he was fortunate to meet and collaborate with him after beginning to perform in clubs by the age of fifteen.

He also played alongside his heroes such as Buddy Guy, Junior Wells and Brownie McGhee.

He formed the Blues Burglars with guitarist Johnny Whitehill in the early 1980s, a formation that eventually became Paul Lamb & the King Snakes. They released an eponymous album with Ace Records in 1990, followed by several others, each building both Lamb's personal reputation as a harmonica player and the band's prestige.

He was awarded with the British Blues Connection's annual award for the best local harmonica player several years in a row whilst the King Snakes frequently took the title as best band.

As a consequence, his own harmonica skills have been in demand, and he had a hit in 1994 in the UK Singles Chart with the track, Harmonica Man (under the pseudonym of Bravado) with Pete Waterman. Lamb has also worked with Mark Knopfler, The Who, Rod Stewart and Jimmy Nail and played on television and film soundtracks and various UK television commercials.

He was more recently inducted into the British Blues Awards Hall of Fame. Blues & Rhythm magazine described his band as 'lazily cocksure and coolly aggressive'.

Paul has represented Britain in the World Harmonica Championships, working with his mentor, Sonny Terry.

The band comprises Paul Lamb, Ryan Lamb, Chad Strentz, Rod Demick and drummer Dino Coccia.

There's a deal of experience behind vocalist and rhythm guitarist Chad Strentz. He started out as a rockabilly hound, encouraged by the wilder excesses of Gene Vincent, Johnny Burnette and Mac Curtis, with some Elvis and Little Richard in there for extra relish.

Bass player and vocalist Rod Demick. He formed his first group, the Vibros, when he was eleven and later graduated to Wheels, the only R&B competition in Belfast for Van Morrison and Them.

Paul Lamb and the King Snakes play at Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, March 10th. Doors open 7pm, with music from 8pm. Tickets are £10.50 in advance, or £12 on the door. For more details or to book call 01308 426336 or visit www.electricpalace.org.uk

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That'll be the Day

THE ever popular Bridport Comedy Cafe has a returning favourite headlining the March night of stand up entertainment.

Steve Day

Having appeared at the club in 2015 BBC Radio 4 regular Steve Day, a stalwart of the UK comedy scene and the country's only deaf comedian, has been the loyal audience's most regularly requested act to return.

Steve is a favourite among comedy goers up and down the country and has a never ending stream of tales from his life as a deaf man with teenage kids paving his way in the tricky world of showbiz.

Joining Steve will be a full line up of support acts, including Tom Christian, local comic Niki McCretton and resident MC, Tom Glover.

"People ask me when Steve will be back after almost every show so I'm hoping they don't miss it!" said Tom.

"He was one of the country's finest comedians so it's great to have him down and we will have a great line up of support acts as well."

The club runs monthly at the Bridport Art's Centre in the newly refurbished cafe room. The gig is a small intimate affair with limited tickets o book early to avoid dissapointment.

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Wednesday, March 1st. Tickets are £8 adults/£6 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204.

Chekhov's Shorts

EUROPEAN Arts Company return to Dorset with performances of *Chekhov's Shorts* at Dorchester Arts on Friday, February 24th, Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday 25th, and the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday 26th. The show is a hugely entertaining collection of classic one-act farces by Anton Chekhov, including The Evils of Tobacco, The Dimwit, The Bear, Swan Song and The Proposal.

This is a highly entertaining introduction to one of the world's great writers. Chekhov is the second most performed playwright in the world after Shakespeare and is best known for plays such as The Seagull, The Cherry Orchard, The Three Sisters and Uncle Vanya, as well as his short stories.

The show features former RSC actor Rupert Mason (A Touch of Frost, Eastenders), actor-comedian Will Hartley (Otherworld, The One Griff Rhys Jones) and exciting newcomer Eva Savage.

These short plays were originally written for Russian vaudeville theatres and are hugely entertaining. Director John O'Connor says 'They represent an important moment in the development of Chekhov as a writer. They combine all the tragic-comic beauty of the longer plays with the silliness of a sketch show. This is Chekhov at his comic best, before Uncle Vanya started shooting, The Seagull got stuffed, The Three Sisters started moaning and The Cherry Orchard was 'car-parked'.

Chekhov's Shorts

European Arts Company last graced Dorchester Arts' stage with The Trials of Oscar Wilde and The Picture of Dorian Gray, both hugely successful shows that eventually transferred to the West End.

Tickets for the Dorchester Arts show are £12 full price or £10 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchester-arts.org.uk. Members of Live for 5 aged 14 – 25 can buy tickets for £5 (see Dorchester Arts website for details)

Tickets for the Bridport Arts Centre show are £12 full or £10 concessions, from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Tickets for the Marine Theatre show are £15 full price and £14 concessions, available at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

Critically acclaimed play about cricketer Colin Milburn comes to the Marine Theatre

FOLLOWING a sell-out tour in November 2016, Dougie Blaxland's critically acclaimed one man show *When The Eye Has Gone* is coming to The Marine Theatre Lyme Regis as part of a UK National tour on 8th and 15th March 2017. Tickets are available from the box office on 01297 442138.

When The Eye Has Gone tells the all too brief life of Colin "Ollie" Milburn - the cricketing legend who was one of England's most unlikely sporting heroes. Full of anecdotes, a thumping soundtrack and a large gin and coke, the story swings backwards and forwards through Milburn's life as he raises a glass to the triumphs, including his first Test Century against the West Indies at Lords in 1966 and the disasters, like losing his left eye in a car accident in 1969.

Dan Gaisford as Colin Milburn

The extraordinary story of Colin Milburn has all the hallmarks of a Greek tragedy. In 1966 he became a household name, scoring a blistering century against the mighty West Indies in only his second test. He then caused a major sensation playing for Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield smashing 243 against Queensland at Brisbane in an innings described by Don Bradman as "the greatest innings played by an Englishman on Australian soil". This was quickly followed by another glorious century for England against Pakistan in Lahore.

Just a few weeks later, on his triumphant return to England, he lost his left eye in a car crash in Northampton, an injury that effectively ended his career and life prospects. His subsequent decline into alcoholism ended with his death from a heart attack at the age of 48. Ian Botham was one of the pall bearers.

Originally commissioned by The Professional Cricketers' Association for Mind Matters, their mental health awareness programme, *When The Eye Has Gone* was written by the award-winning playwright Dougie Blaxland, nom de plume of James Graham-Brown, a former Derbyshire and Kent all-rounder and directed by Roughhouse Theatre.

The part of Colin Milburn is played by GSA graduate Dan Gaisford. Dan has worked extensively in TV, film and theatre and his recent credits include Clybourne Park (Mercury Theatre Colchester), Kidnapped (Brassworks Theatre) and Henry Walker and the Wheel of Death (Roughhouse Theatre).

The show comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 and £12 (concessions), available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

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ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Feeling the chill at *Aladdin*, but *Testament* ups the temperature

■ Aladdin at the Capital Theatre, Sydney

I'VE HAD a marvelous few days in Sydney. I was there to visit my sister and get a bit of sunshine, but I was also able to sneak into a couple of shows, during my visit.

The weather was glorious for the majority of my trip with the temperature topping 40°on a couple of occasions, which was a bit too warm for my wintered pasty flesh.

The venues in Sydney are geared up for hot summers however, with air conditioning pumping cool air throughout the auditoriums, which at times makes it a bit chilly if anything (there's just no pleasing me!).

I found the same thing when I visited New York a few summers ago. It was nice to get a break from the searing heat but after half an hour or so, the auditoriums felt more like an arctic wasteland.

Unfortunately many of the venues in this country, due to their age don't fare well in extremes of temperature. On a few occasions last summer the heat in some of the London theatres was stifling and induced sleep (or maybe that was just the shows I was watching).

Sadly at this time of year you are never sure what you are going to get, with antiquated heating systems offering either fully on or off and not much in between.

Anyway, I enjoyed the sunshine while I could and between beach visits, I embarked upon the Sydney Opera House tour (a bit chilly), which was quite interesting, although with my short attention span, I'd had enough after about 20 minutes.

The interior of the building reminded me of the Royal Festival Hall, with polished concrete and wood paneling. Ed Sheeran had been there the day before and although I'm not a big fan, I would have relished the opportunity to see him.

I also found the time to pop along to see Disney's *Aladdin* (absolutely freezing!), which lacked the sparkle of the West End production, but was nonetheless, still hugely entertaining.

I watched an amazing performance by the acclaimed Australian actress Alison Whyte in the Sydney Theatre Company's production of *The Testament of Mary*. It was performed in their Wharf Theatre (a good temperature), which stands on the water in Sydney Harbour and is a remarkable venue.

I was also invited to the premiere of a new television show called 'Australia Eats' and enjoyed a swanky party with a bunch of Australian celebs whom I didn't know. The show looks like it's good fun and the company are hoping it will get a transfer onto British TV in the near future.

It was fantastic to see a bit of theatre away from the UK and get an insight into the entertainment scene on the other side of the planet.

Next week I'm back to the drizzle of London and I'm hoping my jet lag won't induce any impromptu napping, as I've got a lot to see.

Firstly, I'm hoping to bump into Gary Barlow again at the gala press night of *The Girls*. I'll try to play it cool and when he decides to come over and chat, I might pretend I'm not sure who he is. Who am I kidding? I'll go gaga and act like an excited teenager again I expect!

I'm also off to see *The Wild Party* at the newly opened The Other Palace, which promises to be a real treat. It stars some real West End favourites including John Owen-Jones, Tiffany Graves and Frances Ruffelle, who has become a friend, so I'm really looking forward to seeing her in action again.

I have missed a number of the local shows over the last couple of weeks and I understand both Lyme Regis' and Honiton's pantomimes were exceptional. The panto season isn't quite over, so I'm expecting to cram in a few more visits before too long.

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■ Celebrity chefs Andy Allen and Ben Melbourne are hoping to bring their Eat series to the UK

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Beverley Craven performs at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Sunday, March 11th. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music from 8pm.

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Steve Knightley to perform show in Dorchester

SHOW OF HANDS frontman Steve Knightley returns with his latest live show 'Landlocked'. Inspired by the 2015 'Grow Your Own Gig' tour of rural venues, which came to Dorchester Arts, the first half of the evening will feature original and traditional songs of the land. The second half will draw on nautical themes from his 2015 'All At Sea' tour of maritime venues.

Knightley has been rated as "one of England's greatest singer songwriters" and has a prolific back catalogue of inspired songs including the rousing Country Life (about the demise of rural living) and Tall Ships (set in a West Country fishing village).

Steve Knightley plays at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Wednesday, March 8th. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music from 8pm.

Tickets are £18, members and concessions £16, available online at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or call 01305 266926.

Steve Knightley

Josie Long's for Something Better

FOLLOWING the international sell-out success of her previous show '*Cara Josephine*' across the UK, Europe, in Australia and New York, the star of BBC Radio 4's Romance and Adventure, All of the Planet's Wonders and presenter of Short Cuts tours her eighth solo stand-up show nationwide in 2017.

Josie's 34. She thought by now that she would have children, and be in love, and have a country that didn't vote with the far right parties to march us all off a cliff. And that she would be able to do all the awesome stuff that activists do. She thought we would have won by now. Oh, and she wanted to be taller and better looking.

This is a show about optimism and hopefulness, about looking for people and finding things to look up to. It's about wanting more from life than it might be up for giving out. It's about struggling with realising what you are, who you are and what you can't change about yourself, and about really feeling like an outsider for the first time. It's a bit about having faith in younger people, and friendship, and activism, and solidarity. Actually, she's been busy interviewing activists about what they do and why, so it's also about politics and making things happen. And there's probably a bit where she pretends to be a push-button shower, so it should be silly and fun too, with a few exciting bits in it.

Josie Long brings 'Something Better' to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 1st at 8pm. Tickets are £15 (full) and £13 (concessions). For more details and to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

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Mon: 19.30, Tue: 17.15,
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John Wick: Chapter 2 [12A]
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Wed: 13.45, 16.45, 20.00
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Sun: 10.15, 16.45, 20.00
Wed: 13.00, 16.30, 19.45
Thu: 12.30, 15.45, 20.30
Sing 2D [U]
Fri: 16.30, Sat & Sun: 10.45, 1345,
Mon, Tue: 14.15, Wed, Thu: 17.45
The Great Wall [12A]
Fri, Mon: 15.00, Sat & Sun: 17.45,
Tue: 13.30, Wed & Thu: 14.45
The Lego Batman Movie [U]
Fri, Wed, Thu: 12.00, 17.30, Sat: 9.30, 12.15, 15.00, Sun: 11.30, 14.00, Mon: 11.45, 12.15, 17.45, Tue: 16.45, Wed & Thu: 12.00, 17.30

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Hacksaw Ridge [15]
Fri, Sun: 20.45
Jackie [15]
Fri, Mon: 12.30
John Wick: Chapter Two [15]
Fri-Mon, Wed, Thu: 21.00
Tue: 19.30
La La Land [12A]
Fri: 12.45, Sat: 20.45
Mon: 12.45, 20.45
Tue: 13.30, Wed: 12.15
Logan [15]
Tue: 22.23, Wed: 14.00, 17.15, 18.15, 20.30, Thu: 13.45, 17.15, 18.15, 20.30
Sing 2D [U]
Fri, Mon: 15.50
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The Great Wall [12A]
Fri, Mon: 18.30
Sat & Sun: 12.30, 18.30
Tue: 11.00, 17.00, Wed: 15.15
The Lego Batman Movie [U]
Fri-Mon: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00
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A Cure For Wellness [18]
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Alice Through The Looking Glass [PG]
Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Ballerina [U]
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Fifty Shades Darker [18]
Fri-Mon: 14.00, 17.00, 19.45
Tue: 13.50, 18.00, 19.50
Wed & Thu: 14.15, 17.00, 19.45
Hidden Figures [PG]
Fri-Mon: 14.50, 20.10
Tue-Thu: 12.00, 14.50, 20.10
John Wick: Chapter 2 [15]
Fri-Sat, Mon: 12.30, 12.40, 15.20, 18.10, 21.00
Sun, Tue: 12.30, 15.20, 18.10, 21.00
Wed & Thu: 12.20, 15.10, 18.00, 20.50
La La Land [12A]
Fri, Sun-Mon: 16.45, 19.40,
Sat: 15.00, Tue: 16.45, 19.30
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Fringe Legend Pip plays 'The Iron Lady'

NOT MERELY a reflection on how to portray this lady but a live audience with Margaret Thatcher; Pip Utton IS The 'Iron Lady'! Saviour or witch? Love her or hate her? Not for Pip to decide, only to portray.

Pip Utton, a firm favourite on the Artsreach touring circuit in Dorset and a legend at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, has produced numerous spellbinding performances over recent years, including 'Churchill', 'Chaplin' and 'Charles Dickens'. Winner of The Stage Special Award for Acting Excellence in 2015, 'Playing Maggie, The Iron Lady' is his latest triumphant piece of new writing.

Artsreach Co Director Kerry Bartlett said "As Dorset's arts charity we are thrilled that, thanks for the support of our funders and partners such as solicitors Blanchards Bailey, we are able to continue to bring such outstanding new writing by acclaimed actors like Pip Utton to the County."

From 1979, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher divided the nation like no other politician; she changed the face of British, and perhaps world politics forever, and the effects of her influence and policies are still felt today. In this spellbinding and provocative performance, listen to her philosophies, her inspiration and her logic, and then take the chance to question her as Pip not only becomes Margaret Thatcher, but risks taking audience questions, and answering them as The Iron Lady herself! This outstanding show appears in Dorset for two performances in February. Early booking is most certainly advised! Suitable 14+

Pip Utton brings The Iron Lady to Shipton Gorge Village Hall on Friday, February 24th at 7.30pm. For more details call 01308 897562.

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UNTIL WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST

Lyme Regis: Lyme Regis's Town Mill is proud to host its second Printmakers Open. This unique exhibition will showcase over 50 of the best West Country printmakers and feature work made using the full range of different print techniques (etching, silkscreen, linocut, monoprint). Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

Lyme Regis: Coastline is a 2D and 3D art exhibition by over 20 Dorset and Devon artists who are responding to the iconic Jurassic Coast, its people and local history, its geology and palaeontology, its colours, shapes and rhythms. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

West Bay, Bridport: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

Uplyme: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first talk of 2017, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens, at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is entitled "Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile", and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.

Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

Dorchester: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come along to a seminar which is being taken by David Sinclair. David has been along several times before and is an excellent speaker . His subject this time will be "Who am I anyway? An exploration into identity and self-esteem. David is a member of the team of Wessex Psychotherapy and Counselling Services who offer professional therapy in Dorset and South Somerset. All are welcome ... there is no charge for this evening event. 7pm-9pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

Martinstown: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

West Bay, Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

Askerswell: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

Uplyme: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Ceilidh with music from Mischief and Mayhem in Uplyme Village Hall, from 7:30-11pm. Tickets are £9, to include supper (BYO alcohol), from Uplyme and Raymonds Hill Post Offices, Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis, or ring 01297 445104.

Weymouth: Traidcraft Big Brew at Holy Trinity Church, DT4 8TJ, 10am - 3pm. Following last year's successful event, Holy Trinity will be holding another Traidcraft Big Brew, where all can enjoy a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee and a slice of delicious home-made cake while supporting the work of Traidcraft Exchange. There will be a wide range of fairly trade food, cards and gifts available with many gifts and jewellery at much reduced prices. Also jewellery and bags to support the Dorset/Murugi Community Projects in Kenya. Enquiries to Linda Perry via 01305 770569, or visit www.holytrinityweymouth.org.

Litton Cheney: Charity Variety Show Litton and Thorners at Community Hall will raise money for three chosen charities, Macmillan Cancer Support; the Bride Valley Churches; and the Litton Cheney Children's Playground project. We have seven Variety Acts booked which include a classical instrumental, a magician, a popular band and singing group, and a modern dance performance by a group of young people from the Dorchester Dance and Ballet School. All the talented Acts have given their time and talents freely and a number of individuals and local businesses have made donations and have sponsored the evenings programme.

Bothenhampton: Hot Pastry Lunch with Fruit Punch and Mulled Cider at 12.30pm. Organised by Holy Trinity Church. The venue is the Village Hall. There will also be a table quiz with a picture round. Tickets are £5 from Bridport Music Shop or contact Ro on 01308 459259.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

Bridport: Bridport Vintage Sunday 10am-4pm. The shops and Red Brick Cafe at St Michaels Trading Estate will be open, come and spend your afternoon with us!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

Burton Bradstock: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk

Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

Bridport: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport, with guest musician Ruth Thompson and caller Ann Hinchliffe. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Entry £4 on nights with live music. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

Bridport: A Box Full of Wonders - NT Archaeological discoveries in the South West. Talk by Nancy Grace, National Trust Archaeologist. Nancy has worked for the National Trust since 1986. Her work has taken her from Gloucester to Cornwall mainly on the collections, excavations and public events. Her talk will concentrate on the work done in Dorset with information about sites excavated in other parts of the South West. Presented by the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) Bridport United Church Main Hall, East St, 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Visitors £3 includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For further information 01308 863577

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

West Bay, Bridport: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

Lyme Regis: The Lyme Regis Society is hosting a talk entitled Hestercombe House and Gardens given by Philip White at 2.30pm, at Woodmead Halls. All Welcome. Free for Members of Lyme Regis Society, U3A and Friends of the Museum. Visitors £3.00

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST

Bridport: Bridport Camera Club. Talk by Helen & Stephen Jones: "Catching the Moment - successful event photography" . 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.

THURSDAY MARCH 2ND

Dorchester: The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ for the AGM followed by a quiz. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information. Membership subscriptions are now due.

Weymouth: Broadwey, Upwey & District Horticultural Society. A talk by Mark Read entitled 'Vegetable gardening in containers'. St. Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey, Weymouth starting at 7:30pm. Details on 01305 813853 or website.

FRIDAY MARCH 3RD

Lyme Regis: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Phil Wells' Triptych. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

Burton Bradstock: 26th Anniversary Smith Charity Ball. At Freshwater Holiday Centre (DT6 4PT). 8pm-1.30am. Music by The Gen Gap and Tricord. Two course supper at 8.30pm. Tickets £27.50, available from Henry (01308 868313). Proceeds to D&S Air Ambulance, Dorset Renal Unit, Harefield Hospital, Cancer Research UK, Weldmar, Julia's House, and Diabetics. Many thanks to sponsors AJ Wakely & Sons, Highlands End Holiday Park, Kitson & Trotman, and Symonds & Sampson.

Bradpole, Bridport: Christian Aid Lent Soup & Roll Lunch. At Holy Trinity Church, Bradpole. Everybody is welcome to this friendly and relaxed lunch. Suggested donation of £2.50. 12.45pm.

Askerswell: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

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DECLUTTER BY DESIGN

By Sam Wylie-Harris, Press Association

WE'VE all heard the saying, 'tidy house, tidy mind', and there's a lot of truth in it. Maximising your space and ridding yourself from all that clutter can be far more positive than you might think.

Not only can hoarding cause us anxiety and stress, but freeing your home of unwanted stuff means you can actually display the things you really love, creating a style statement with a dual purpose.

But where to start?

"Decluttering isn't about throwing out the old to bring in the new, it's about stripping it back, leaving only items that you need and that add value to your home," says Simon Granville, managing director at Store (aplaceforeverything.co.uk).

"To avoid feeling daunted, tackle a single drawer, cupboard or shelf at a time. Sort through each item one by one making four piles - keep, sell, charity, bin - but be ruthless. Once you've decided what you're keeping, it's important to find a home for each item; if you know where everything lives, you're less likely to 're-clutter' throughout the year."

Interior designer Amelia Carter (www.ameliacarter.com) agrees: " Consider a plan of attack. I would pick the room that is most vital and needs to be in working order, and begin there. Also, don't over estimate what you can achieve in a day. We all start with good intentions and get bored, so think of it in smaller jobs, rather than one big one."

HALL OF FAME

First impressions count, and the hallway offers a clear vision of what the rest of the house may look like.

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Storage benches are the perfect way to declutter your hall, and baskets grouped together in varying sizes can be functional as well as fun.

And don't pooh-pooh the humble shoe rack; it can take care of wellies, trainers and everyday shoes, and you can always turn one of the shelves into a makeshift wine rack!

:: John Lewis Croft Collection 3 Tier Shoe Rack, £60 (www.johnlewis.com)

:: Somerton Under Console Baskets, from £45, Neptune (www.neptune.com)

:: Storage Bench With Drawers & Basket - Downpipe, £425, Store (www.aplaceforeverything.co.uk)

SHOW KITCHEN

"Even if you have ample storage space in your kitchen, it's important it's well organised, so you can really make the most of it," says Terry Brown, commercial director at Benchmarx Kitchens. "You can ensure you maximise usable space by choosing different storage solutions that work best for your needs.

"If you're keen to have more space for food items, why not incorporate a larder/corner pantry unit into your scheme, which will ensure that all of the available space is used?"

Also, don't feel you have to be traditional. Once

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you've ditched any chipped crockery, glassware and old cutlery, clever ideas - such as a step ladder or open shelving units - can be used to display favourite pieces, chinaware, chopping blocks, storage containers and even cookware.

:: Somerset Timber Shaker in Grey, from £273 for a 100cm base unit, visit Benchmarx Kitchens online to find your nearest stockist (www.benchmarxkitchens.co.uk)

:: Sherwood Shaker Style in Grey, from £211 for a 100cm base unit, visit Benchmarx Kitchens online to find your nearest stockist (www.benchmarxkitchens.co.uk)

:: Kallax Series Wire Basket, £8; Shelf Insert, £8; Hanging Organiser for Accessories, £1; Storage with Compartments, £10; Shelf Divider, £12 each, Ikea (in store from mid-February; www.ikea.com)

:: Sally Step Ladder Shelf, £310, Perch & Barrow (kitchenware stylist's own; www.perchandparrow.com)

LOVE YOUR LIVING ROOM

This is the place that needs to work extra hard, especially if you want to keep it clutter-free, as it's where we relax, watch TV, entertain - and display all those precious family photos, paintings, books and pretty knick-knacks.

Back in vogue, a dresser or cabinet can not only mask a TV screen when not in use (and unsightly cables), but provide extra storage space for possessions you can't bear to part with.

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Another must-have, a butler's tray (with a removable tray) is a modern yet timeless way to serve cocktails, canapes or a TV supper, and with a wide table top it can double up as a sideboard.

And if you're not sure where to store those glossy magazines, winter throws and small soft furnishings, a footstool with hidden storage, covered in a favourite fabric, could become a key feature (i t'll also come in handy for putting your feet up after all this tidying!).

:: Farlov Footstool with Storage £145, Ikea (in store from mid-February; www.ikea.com)

:: Henley 5ft Media Dresser, £3,190, Neptune (www.neptune.com)

:: Oak Butlers Tray - Hambledon, £195 Store (www.aplaceforeverything.co.uk)

BEDROOM BLISS

Taking time to create a clutter-free boudoir, with the focus on a few crucial items - like crisp bed linen, a tidy dressing table, fresh flowers and a radio instead of a TV - will look AND feel relaxing, and

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therefore help you get a decent night's sleep, too.

An untidy wardrobe, strewn with clothes that should have gone to the charity shop years ago, might mean you start the day with unnecessary stress as well. But with a little thought, you can make the most of your accessories, while hiding more mundane items behind closet doors.

Your colour scheme could add a sense of calm, too.

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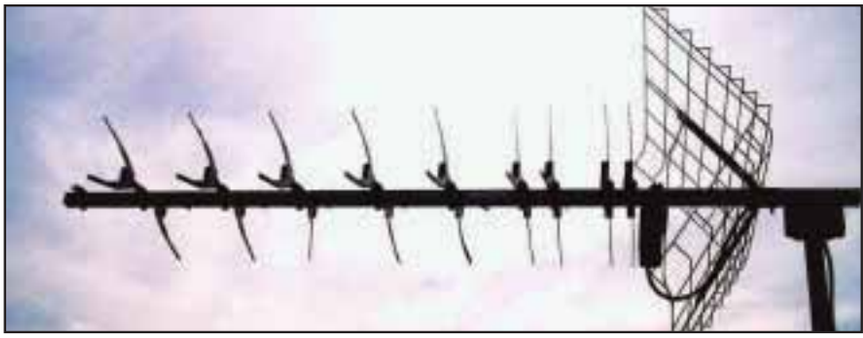

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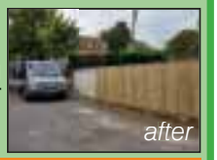

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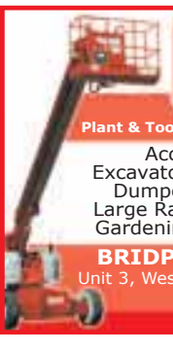

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Charged with propelling 35kg less weight thanks in part to sophisticated new body architecture, the more powerful 354PS TFSI promises 5.4-second 0-62mph pace in the quattro all-wheel-driven figurehead without ruling out real world fuel efficiency.

The new 3.0-litre TFSI is the successor to the unit first used by the S4 and S5 performance flagships, and replaces its supercharger with a new twin-scroll turbocharger located within the 90-degree V of the cylinder banks that delivers even keener and stronger response. This is evident not only in the healthy 354PS power peak but also in the 500Nm of torque which remains available from 1,370rpm right through to 4,500rpm.

Thanks to super-efficient new Audi-developed combustion technology based on the so-called 'B cycle' process the advanced new six-cylinder is also able to deliver up to 34mpg according to the NEDC test, equating to CO2 output of 189 grams per km with the standard 20-inch '5 twin-spoke star' alloy wheels on board. The engine's 14kg weight advantage over its predecessor also works in favour of overall efficiency.

An eight-speed tiptronic transmission complements the powerful yet impressively linear delivery of the V6 with inherently smooth yet fittingly sporting shifts. The lower gears feature short ratios, while the upper gears are long in the interest of fuel conservation. If required the transmission can freewheel as soon as the driver lifts off the accelerator at speeds of between 34mph and 99mph for even greater fuel efficiency.

Being both a Q5 and a member of the Audi 'S' series, the SQ5 is naturally quattro all-wheel-drive-equipped. During normal driving, the system distributes power with a slight rear-axle bias, but when necessary it can divert the majority to whichever axle has better traction. It is backed up by wheel-selective torque control, which slightly brakes the inside wheels during faster cornering to tuck the SQ5 into the bend, and then helps to prolong handling neutrality and precision once the car is committed.

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BRIDPORT RES	24	25
Wareham Rangers	20	21
Mere Town	23	19
Hamworthy Utd Res	24	15
Sherborne Town Res	23	10
Cranborne	23	3

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Cronies FC	16	44
Exeter University Res	15	26
Sidmouth Town Res	14	24
LYME REGIS	14	23
Colyton	15	23
Witheridge Reserves	12	21
Exmouth Town Reserves	14	20
Willand Rovers Res	19	14
Alphington Reserves	14	13
Wellington Reserves	14	12
Bickleigh	15	6

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Winkleigh	15	42
Exwick Village	18	41
Hemyock	15	31
Central FC	14	27
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LYME REGIS RES	13	27
Halwill Reserves	17	24
Dunkeswell Rovers	18	18
Tivvy Park Rangers	16	17
Stoke Hill	16	17
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Perry Street Prem (20)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	14	34
South Petherton	14	31
Barrington	13	31
Shepton Beauchamp	13	29
Winsham Utd	14	26
Misterton	12	20
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Townsend: We have six Cup finals left

Robins rally to reach last four - Uplyme in extra time derby victory - Battling point for Pymore - Hounds close in

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WILLAND ROVERS RESERVES 2 LYME REGIS 1
Division One

LYME Regis were made to pay for a poor performance in their first ever trip to Silver Street as a youthful Willand Rovers Reserves, scrapping to beat the drop down intio Division Two stunned their promotion chasing visitors.

Disappointed Lyme manager Robin Townsend struggled to hide his frustation at his team's performance, he told View Sport: "The first half was probably our worst of the season. It seemed as though too many of our players thought they could just turn up and win.

"They [Willand] had seven or eight 17/18 year olds and they wanted it much more than we did.

Despite the low-key performance The Seasiders seemed to be on their way when Dec Ellis was brought down in the area and Robbie Fellingham tucked away the resulting penalty.

They missed a great chance to double their lead when Cody Bowditch's shot came back off the bar but Ellis headed over with the goal gaping.

Things got worse for Lyme when Kingsley Wellman was shown a second yellow card and sent off with half an hour still to play. The teenage defender's second yellow was awarded after a clear foul in the area and Jordan Brooks made no mistake form the penalty spot.

Brooks was then left unmarked at the back post and headed home the winner.

The hosts could have had another but were denied by superb save by debutant keeper Billy Fleet who was standing in for the unavailable Lee Cleal.

"We actually looked better with 10 players," said Townsend who felt both penalties were clear-cut.

He continued: "Kingsley deserved both yellows but showed a bit naivity for the first one.

"We decided to take off Rob Fellingham and Tristan Gale in the second half as they were both on yellows too. We did consider withdrawing Kingsley at half time – but decided against it."

Townsend is looking at making changes for next Saturday's trip to Edge Down Park when promotion dart horse Witheridge Reserves lay in wait. They beat Sidmouth on Saturday and are now one of six teams, including Lyme, vying for the two promotion places behind champions-elect Cronies FC.

"We've got too many players who are just relying on their reputation as first teamers – they need to step up and show me they can do it, we effectively have six cup finals left to clinch promotion," said Townsend who felt only Fleet, Ellis and skipper Gary Knight emerged with any credit.

***Lyme Regis (4-4-2)**: Billy Fleet, Kingsley Wellman, Sam Day, Gary Knight (Capt), Dom Rowe, Chris Herbst, Rob Fellingham (Sam Pollard-Jones), Cody Bowditch, Ben Turner, Tristan Gale (Julien Simier), Dec Ellis.*

LYME REGIS RESERVES 8 SILVERTON 0
Division Six

THREE goals in the opening 12 minutes saw Lyme Regis Reserves dismiss any threat visiting Silverton may have carried before they had time to break sweat.

After being inactive for a month, Lyme manager Gerard Hitchcock was keen for his team to hit the ground running against their struggling opponents, he said: "I told the lads to hit them hard and fast and they did that to the letter, it was a great start."

Ryan Fifer tapped in number one an was quickly followed by a Kieren Daniels strike before Sam Bevis rounded off a fine solo run with a fierce snap shot that flew past keeper Paul Stirling.

Number four came when Jonny Day got in a neat flick header at the near post an Steve Batey touched the ball over the line from inches out.

A quick free kick then caught the visitors' defence napping and Day finished well as the ball dropped over his shoulder.

The second half continued in much the same vein. Batey was left unmarked at the back stick to head home number six while substitute Will Meech, normally positioned between the sticks attempting to keep the ball out, ghosted in to make it 7-0.

The scoring was completed by a crisp angled drive from Daniels for his second of an afternoon that saw home gloveman Ryan Turner a virtual spectator.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
Tommy Tabberer Cup QF

CREWKERNE RANGERS 3 CHARMOUTH 4

CHARMOUTH battled back from 3-1 down to clinch a home semi-final with three goals in the last 20 minutes of an enthralling tie at Henhayes.

Two early goals from Ant Trubridge put the Robins on the back foot but Dan Rumsby halved the deficit only for Rangers player-manager Scott Isaacs to make it 3-1 before half time.

But Charmouth heads refused to drop and tactical change saw them grab the ascendancy. Rhys Haime was desperately unlucky with a shot that drifted narrowly wide in the 48th minute.

They went won better 20 minutes from time when Paul Miners' lofted free kick was glanced home by centre back Dan Watson.

The visitors equalised when Rumsby's shot was spilled by the keeper and dribbled over the line.

The winner came in the 80th minute when Haime outpaced the tiring home defence. "We were a different team in the second half and the grit and determination we showed earned the win," said Charmouth manager Kevin Pratt.

John Fowler Cup Quarter final
UPLYME RESERVES 4 LYME REGIS ROVERS 2 (AET)

THERE was a feast of football action at Venlake on Saturday as the Uplyme second and Lyme Regis third teams served up a classic local derby that was a throwback to better times with referee Tom Richardson playing his part.

It could be argued that referee Richardson may, by today's standards, have let too much go and could have brandished more cards. But this made for a full-blooded encounter with both teams playing their part and no quarter asked or given.

The opening exchanges belonged to the youthful hosts who, striker Fred Thomson apart, had no players more than 19 years old in their squad.

It was Thomson who had the first two chances; first blazingly wildly over and then being denied by a fine block by keeper Chris Higgs who was to go on and put in a MoM performance with a string of superb saves.

Higgs was soon in the action again beating out a Ryan Smith shot and then bravely saving from Niall Fifer from point blank range.

The opener had to come and sure enough Smith beat the Rovers' disjointed offside line and slotted home in the 17th minute.

Lyme eventually settled and Jedd Whittington forced a good save from former team mate Toby Fowler between the Uplyme sticks.

Then Higgs pulled off the save of the match going full length to fingertip a crisp Wes Holmes 25-yarder onto the inside of the post.

The Seasiders, who came into the game as clear underdogs, stunned their hosts in the 29th minute when Stefan Taylor's free kick reached the far post where Peacock bundled the ball into the net.

The chances kept coming and Smith was narrowly wide with an outrageous back heeled volley that drew gasps from the large crowd.

At the other end a Whittington throw in reached Simon Flux who just failed to keep his header under the bar.

Into the second half and Higgs denied both Smith and Fifer in one-on-one opportunities as the game became stretched.

As the game went into the last 10 minutes winger Frank Harris fired over the angle when well placed but there was still time for late drama at both ends.

Smith once again beat a lopsided offside line as bodies began to tire and poked the ball past the onrushing Higgs and against the foot of the post but was on-hand to tap in the rebound.

Lyme looked beaten, but summoned one last effort and substitute Jack Turner's cross was lofted over Fowler by Peacock who completed a real captain's performance to force the extra half hour.

The Uplyme youngsters clearly had the legs to go on and win the game and it was no surprise when Smith completed his hat-trick with a neat finish in the 94th minute and Thomson made it 4-2 a minute later.

Other quarter finals;
Fivehead 2 (P.Gold 2) Farway Utd Res 0, Forton Res 5 (E.James 2, B.Marsden 2, S.Baker) Crewkerne Rangers Res 0.
Revised Semi-final line-up;
Thorncombe Res or Misterton Res v Forton Rangers Res, Fivehead v Uplyme Reserves.

PREMIER
BARRINGTON 1 SOUTH PETHERTON 1

TWO goals in the last three minutes saw title contenders Barrington and South Petherton forced the share the spoils at Shelway Lane.

Barrington thought they had broken the deadlock just before the late drama only to have an effort ruled out for offside.

So it was Ash Smith who opened the scoring with a drive from the edge of the area that appeared to have earned Pethy an impressive away win.

But The Yellow Hammers had other ideas and George Hayward netted with a 90th minute free kick, and they missed a golden chance to snatch a late winner when Andy Whitefield burst clear only to be denied by a fine one-on-one save by keeper Darren Charleswho was suffering from a badly gashed head after colliding with a goal post.

DRIMPTON 1 MISTERTON 10

THE season clearly can't come too soon for Drimpton who are still hunting their first points having been thrashed by visiting Misterton.

Scott Jennings and Harvey Saunders both waded in with four apiece for the visitors whose others goals came from Jake Barry and Jack Blunn.
Liam Adams scored the Greens' consolation.

W & M CHINNOCK 2 WINSHAM UTD 2

IT was honours even at Oxleaze where Winsham came behind twice to land a point.

The Chinns took the lead early on when Alex Eckland headed home from a Russell Lock free kick and they carried the lead into the interval.

But the visitors leveled when home gloveman Matt Alford did well to keep out Brad Masters in a on-one-one opportunity but the rebound fell to Masters who slotted into the empty net.

Back came the hosts, and roles were reversed when Eckland headed on for Lock to smash the ball home.

The Winsh's second equaliser came from player-manager Tom Stead after he came off the bench as a late substitute.

DIVISION ONE
MERRIOTT ROVERS 0 PYMORE 0

WITH regular custodian Charlie Youngs unavailable, Pymore gave a debut between the sticks to Dan Canning a new signing from Drimpton.

The hosts held sway for much of the game but were limited to long range pot shot by a resolute Pymore back four of Jamie Gay, Nathan Goldstone, Ryan Gay and assistant manager Matt Tither.

Rovers created the best of the opportunities but failed to capitalize and Tither said afterwards: "Merriott is a difficult place to visit and to come away with a point is superb for us. It's going to be really tight at the end of the season with five teams vying for the two promotion places."

Frustrated Merriott manager Dan Childs said: "They [Pymore] turned up to defend and got away with a draw. We totally dominated from start to finish and but for some poor finishing we could have (1)had five."

WAYTOWN HOUNDS 2 HAWKCHURCH UTD 0

THE Hounds capitalised on their rivals' draw and dented opponents Hawkchurch's own promotion hopes as they made good ground at the top of the Division One table.

Having lost to the Hawks twice already this season it was clear that Waytown were in for a tough afternoon and so it proved.

But they came into the game full of confidence and unbeaten in nine matches. The first half was a close affair with few chances, but the hosts struck first in the 65th minute when Adam Cody-Boutcher maneuvered some space and delivered a cross to Simon Smyth who netted with a superb volley.

But they had a set back soon after when referee Bob Brunt dismissed Tom Rutland following an altercation with Josh Short.

The Hawks, boosted by the numerical advantage, began to threaten but the Hounds stood firm and extended their lead late on when skipper Jon Legg weaved past two defenders before scoring with a deflected shot.

Hounds' manager Joe Carter gave his MoM nomination to John Kingston.

■ **GOAL:** Uplyme Reserves' striker Ryan Smith (10) completes his hat-trick to put his side 3-2 ahead in extra time in the John Fowler Cup quarter final against Lyme Regis Rovers. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

FIXTURES – Saturday, February 25th
(Cup games, 2pm ko, League games 2.30pm)
CHALLENGE CUP Quarter Final
Netherbury West & Middle Chinnock
ARTHUR GAGE CUP Quarter Finals
Forton Rangers v Hawkchurch Utd
Ilminster Colts v Merriott Rovers
Shepton Beauchamp Reserves v Pymore
Uplyme v Waytown Hounds
TOMMY TABBERER CUP Quarter Final
Farway Utd v Dowlish & Donyatt
JOHN FOWLER CUP Quarter Final
Thorncombe Res v Misterton Reserves

PREMIER
Combe Reserves v Chard Utd
Drimpton v Barrington
Misterton v Winsham Utd
South Petherton v Beaminster
DIVISION TWO
Chard Utd Reserves v Crewkerne Rangers
Halstock v Thorncombe
DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers Res v Forton Rangers Reserves
Chard Utd All Stars v Ilminster Town A
Crewkerne Rangers Reserves v Fivehead
Lyme Regis Rovers v Farway Utd Reserves
Merriott Dynamos v Uplyme Reserves

Bridport & WD Golf

In-form Thompson receives two-shot cut

THE men's Sunday competition was the February Stableford and once again it was a mild day with little wind. Sixty-one players took part and there were many high scores resulting in a number of handicap reductions.

The top five players in Division One all scored 37 points or more but the best score of the day was carded by Division Two's top man Michael A Thompson with 43 points. Gary Edwardes was the winner of Division One scoring 41 points and the runner-up there was Steve Crabb with 39. The leader in Division Three was Terry Cleal scoring 38 points.

Results; Division One - 1st Gary Edwardes (10) 41 points, 2nd Steve Crabb (7) 39, 3rd (acb) Kevin Jones (9) 37.

Division Two – 1st Michael A Thompson (14) 43 points, 2nd Dave Howat (17) 38, 3rd Jon Lagg-Bagg (13) 36.

Division Three - 1st Terry Cleal (19) 38 points, 2nd (acb) Dave Boggis (21) 37, 3rd Mark McMaster (22) 37.

(Thompson had his handicap cut by two shots, Crabb, Edwardes, Howat and Cleal were cut by one shot).

Forty nine veterans enjoyed a fine day for their Thursday competition the fouth and final round of the Winter Shield. Scoring was good and four players hit the 40 point mark.

Best score of the day came from Ian Thacker (14) in Division One with 41 points. Then came came Richard Lomax (12) and Jimmy Gdadebo (11) both with 40 points with Lomax taking the runner-up place after count-back. In fourth place after count-back was Malcolm Noble (18) with 37.

Alan Bentley (24) took the honours in Division Two with 40 points. Dave Cole (27) came second scoring 39 while Dave Boggis (21) was third with 38 and Brian Osborne (24) fourth with 34. Thacker's handicap was cut by one stroke.

This was the conclusion of the Winter Shield and the overall winner was Jimmy Gdadebo with 111 points (total of best two scores). Runners-up were Marcus Beresford & Richard Parry both with 110 points.

The winner of the Bob Dennis Trophy (eclectic over nine holes, over 70s to qualify) veterans' captain Dave Buckland with a nett 28.

Lyme Regis Golf

Brilliant Beardwood

The next round of the WINTER LEAGUE saw a keen turnout as early starters jostled for positions, however the early leaders did not know what was in store.

Junior Dominic Beardwood has seen his handicap steadily drop to nine at the start of the year. His scoring in Sunday's competition was remarkable as he carded 11 pars, four birdies and three bogeys in his 1 under gross par round.

His stableford score of 46 points was one of the best recorded rounds in recent years and was of course good enough to win Sunday's League.

Spare a thought for Keith Gibson, who, playing off six, came in with a wonderful 40 points to find he was second by six shots!

The leader in the clubhouse for much of the time was Arthur Daines whose aggressive back nine of 21 points earned him third slot with 39 points.

The Ladies played their annual Captain vs Vice-captian friendly foursome's competition. This year it was vice captain Susan Moore's team who triumphed over captain Gilly Madill's.

In the first round of the Daily Mail Foursomes Jenny Scott and Rosie Jackman travelled to Cricket St Thomas and emerged victorious 3&1.

◆ **TOP FORM:** Dominic Beardwood

Bees news

WITH STUART BROOM

Ressies out of luck in home loss

Bridport Res 0 Mere Town 1
Dorset Premier League

MANAGER Shaun Annetts was disappointed his side didn't get a point after a first half performance that with luck would have seen them home and dry at the break.

However, they were left to rue a poor second half showing that saw the visitors win the game with just their second goal attempt 10 minutes from time.

Despite missing leading goal scorer Josh Hunter, the Bees were optimistic after recent performances.

However, injuries to three players including captain Dan Peart, striking the woodwork twice, and having a shot cleared off the line, changed that mindset.

The first injury saw Niall Jefford replaced with a hamstring injury after 10 minutes, followed by Peart with the same problem 15 minutes later.

Then five minutes before the interval, Henry Davy had to be replaced with suspected shin splints.

In between the forced substitutions Ali Kamara struck the foot of the post during a goalmouth scramble before seeing his header beat the keeper only to be headed off the line.

Then Sam Handyside's free kick from wide crashed against the crossbar before bouncing to safety.

There appeared to be one piece of luck for Bridport just before the break when Callum Frampton was booked and then sent off by referee Cihan Gecmez after he disagreed with a decision.

A man to the good, Annetts warned his charges at half time about not getting themselves in trouble with the referee, but within 10 minutes of the restart they were also reduced to 10 when Kamara was adjudged to have used his elbow whilst shielding the ball near the touchline.

The second half was fairly even with neither side really threatening although keeper Kieron Park was forced into a flying save.

Then Mere snatched all three points 10 minutes from the end when Stuart Frear hit a stinging volley that took a deflection and although Park managed to get a hand to it, the ball crept inside the post.

Despite a storming finish that created a couple of half chances the Bees failed to fashion an equaliser.

Despite the loss Annetts found some encouraging signs: "We defended well in the first half, better than in previous weeks and were also unlucky with our goal opportunities.

"The second half was most disappointing. We huffed and puffed and didn't create enough chances and paid the price - I definitely felt we should have got a point at least."

Both sides thought the red cards were harsh on both players and that at worst warranted no more than yellows.

One pleasing outcome was the performance of 16-year-old Robbie Bagg who replaced Peart.

Annetts said: "Bagg looked very accomplished and comfortable at right back. He defended and used the ball well, and is one for the future."

Bees pick up where they left off

Bridport A 5 Marnhull Res 0

DESPITE a five week break due to frozen or waterlogged pitches and no allocated fixture, Bridport A picked up where they left off in mid-January when they walloped Lychett and Upton Red Triangle 7-0, by demolishing Marnhull Reserves at St Mary's Playing Fields.

Right from the first whistle the home team looked the title contenders they hope to be, whilst the visitors, having taken one look at the young Bridport lads, thought strong-arm tactics were the order of the day.

However, it was the young Bees that had the last laugh with some good attacking football.

After a superb flowing move Brandon Scadding supplied the cross for brother Jaydon to volley home the opener.

Marnhull did have their share of good chances in the opening 20 minutes, but Jordan Scadding in the home goal pulled off a string of fine saves including a number of one-on-ones, before Bridport started to take control of the game.

Dom McAllister, rolling back the years playing alongside the young Bees and influential brother Kieran in the middle, scored twice before the break to give the hosts a 3-0 lead.

The second half saw Bridport step up another gear and Dom McAllister took his total to four with a free kick and a sublime one-on-one lob over the stranded keeper.

This Saturday Bridport entertain league leaders Swanage RBL in what could decide the title. The visitors are 15 points better off than the Bees, but have played six more games.

Beaminster Under 16s complete league and cup double

◆ **DOUBLE UP:** Beaminster Under 16s pictured after winning the West Dorset Cup

Beaminster U16 40-3 beat Bere Regis 39 all out

BEAMINSTER Cricket Club U16s indoor cricket team produced a ruthless display in the final of the West Dorset Cup as they beat Bere Regis by three wickets at Portland on Saturday.

Having beaten Martinstown in their semi final, Beaminster inserted Bere Regis having won the toss, and were exceptional in the field as they dismissed the opposition for 39 in just six overs.

Fergus Rees took two wickets, with Will Moss picking up one. Lewis Keenan executed a direct hit run out and Adam Moss wrapped up the innings with two wickets in consecutive balls in his first over.

Beaminster reached their target in the fifth over. Keenan was anchored the chase with 10 not out while Rees hit 20 runs in three balls.

The result means Beaminster completed the double after winning the league in January.

Motor Sport

Rose blossoms with class win on debut

THE 2017 car trials season in Dorset got underway recently at Hogcliff Farm with the Woolbridge Motor Club's South Dorset Trophy Trial when 26 competitors faced a total of 24 sections.

The first class into action catered for both front and rear wheel drive cars not carrying ballast.

Peugeot 106 pilot Jez Searle added another class win to his success in December's Autotechnics Trial in his 1124cc machine with a comfortable win over the Citroen Saxo driven by Bob North.

The Peugeot man was quick out of the blocks and had amassed a 14-point lead over Dave Atkins (Citroen Saxo) after the first round of six tests.

Atkins was under pressure from both Gary Morris (Vauxhall Corsa) and North who were respectively just one and two points in arrears.

The odd point dropped by Morris and Atkins enabled North to move clear of the former by five points at the conclusion of the event, although he trailed Searle by 21 points.

The **front wheel drive division (with ballast)** provided fiercer competition with four drivers, all driving Citroen Saxos, covered by just five points after an intense battle.

Vic Rose stole an early advantage cleaning four of the six tests and just failing to do so on another two occasions therefore gained two penalty marks. Upwey's Phil Gabe, sharing the Saxo with Rose, slotted into second place having lost four points whilst fellow Saxo pilots Will Lawrence and Ben Chazal shadowed the leaders a further two and four points adrift.

At the halfway mark Rose maintained his two point advantage over Lawrence but now Shawn Franklin had slotted into third place a brace of points in arrears of the second placed man and just one point ahead of Chazal.

The first round of tests after the lunchbreak proved costly for Rose in his debut with a new car.

His advantage nullified by Lawrence to see the two Saxo adversaries commence the final round level on points but three up on Franklin.

The leading duo both dropped a point on the second test of the last round to retain the status quo but as the pressure mounted the penultimate section of the day decided the battle with Lawrence gaining three penalty points against the two of Rose.

◆ **INCLINE:** Mark Hoppé in his Dutton Melos *Photo by STAFFORD ASSOCIATES*

Therefore Rose claimed the class by a single point but was pronounced the winner of the event overall once a performance index had been applied to the scores of all the competitors.

This elevation to the premier award gave the class victory to Will Lawrence but only after a tie-decider was implemented to split him and Franklin who had finished on identical penalties.

Chazal claimed third in class four points down on Lawrence/Franklin.

The battle for class honours aside, there were more trophies winners in the **ballasted front wheel drive division** with Jaxson Marsh claiming the Novice award in the Citroen AX which the club has available for young drivers to experience the sport of trialling and the same car was driven by Sophie Franklin to claim the award for the Best Performance by a Junior driver.

Maiden Newton's Sarah Kirby won the **Ladies class** in the Citroen Saxo which she shares with her father.

The Rear Wheel Drive class (for vehicles which were not included in class one) saw Sherborne's Mark Hoppé take an uncontested win in his Dutton Melos building a winning margin of 31 points over John York in his venerable MG Midget.

The final category catered for **non-production cars** with the Ford Special campaigned father and son pairing Colin and Gavin Cheffey. Youth favouring Gavin in the results with a win by six points.

The local drivers of the Woolbridge club are now preparing to battle against the best trials drivers in the country when the club promotes the first round of the 2017 British Championships at a venue near Crewkerne.

Dorch Snooker

Shakey hit for Six

RESULTS; Colliton XQ 2016 6 WDC YYMFDT 1, WDC Team Shaky 3 West Dorset Club A 6, Colliton Hopefuls 4 Purbeck Potters 4.

Top Breaks; M Woodroffe 41; E Wellman 36; G Bartlett 31.

Top Break of the Season; Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) 65.

Team Open Knock Out Cup Final; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M – Monday, March 27th at Trinity Club.

Team Handicap Knock Out Cup Final; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M – Monday, March 30th at Trinity Club.

Rearranged League matches; Trinity M v Colliton XQ2016 (March 2nd), Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys (March 13th), West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (March 15th), Colliton XQ 2016 v WDC Team Shaky (March 20th), WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M March 22nd, WDC YYMFDT v Colliton Hopefuls (Being rearranged by team captains), WDC YYMFDT v West Dorset Club A to finish - score so far 3-2.

Table (wk 16)	Pld	Pts
WDorset Club A	14	64
Colliton XQ2016	15	62
Colliton Hopefuls	14	59
WDC Team Shaky	15	54
Purbeck Potters	15	53
Trinity M	15	52
WDC YYMFDT	14	47
WDC Whipping B	14	25

Lyme Cribbage

RESULTS (Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels 1 Talbot Arms 4, Stepps 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Dolphin 1 Lamb Swans 4, Ship Inn LR 3 New Inn Kilm B 2, Nags Head LR 2 Ax Con Club 3.

Beer League; Charlie's Angels 0 Talbot Arms 3, Stepps 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Dolphin 1 Lamb Swans 2, Ship Inn LR 1 New Inn Kilm B 2, Nags Head LR 2 Ax Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 27th); **Losers Cup Final** - Charlie's Angels v New Inn Kilm A (*at New Inn Kilm*).

KO Cup semi-finals and final (*at Dolphin, Beer,7.30pm start*); teams - Nags Head, Dolphin, Ship Inn LR, New Inn Kilm B.

Table - Week 18	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Arms	18	54
Nags Head, LR	17	51
Ship Inn, LR	18	48
New Inn Kilm A	17	45
Ax Con Club	17	44
Lamb Swans	18	44
Talbot Arms	17	42
Dolphin, Beer	17	41
Charlie's Angels	17	40
Stepps	17	38
New Inn Kilm B	17	28

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	17	32
Lamb Swans	18	29
Stepps	17	29
New Inn Kilm B	17	28
Charlie's Angels	17	26
Gerrard Arms	18	26
Ax Con Club	17	25
Talbot Arms	17	24
Dolphin, Beer	17	22
Ship Inn, LR	18	22
New Inn Kilm A	17	21

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e February 18th.
Ladies; Hot Gossips 329 (+BL) Rollercoasters 266, La Crème (+BL) bWild Pins (Game given), Wootton Wobblers 304 (+BL) Generations 271, Skittso's 297 (+BL) Smashers 310.
Men's; Wreckers 320 Marksmen 357 (+BL), Roadrunners 341 Alleytwits 319 (+BL), Miscellaneous 333 (+BL) President's Men 324, Clueless 340 (+BL) Trappers 327, Anthill Mob 345 (+BL) No Hopers 324, Young Guns 364 (+BL) Rousdon Rebels 341, British Legion 330 Tornadoes 323 (+BL).

Upcoming cup fixtures

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
Marksmen	11	20	14
No Hopers	11	20	14
Flyers	12	16	4
Trappers	11	10	10
Young Guns	10	8	10
Clueless	11	8	8
Wreckers	11	8	8
Anthill Mob	11	6	16
Rousdon Rebels	12	4	16

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	9	13	12
President's Men	10	13	8
Miscellaneous	9	13	6
Tornadoes	10	10	8
Alleytwits	9	8	12
Shakers	10	5	12
British Legion	9	4	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Skittso's	11	18	16
Wootton Wobb	11	16	19
Rollercoasters	11	11	14
Smashers	11	11	8
Hot Gossips	9	10	10
Wild Pins	9	8	7
Generations	10	4	4
La Crème	10	4	4

Tonight (Wednesday
Men's Cornish Cup: Trappers v Clueless, Wreckers v Marksmen, Shakers – bye.
Friday, February 24th
Men's Cornish Cup: Rousdon Rebels v British Legion, Young Guns v No Hopers, Flyers v Roadrunners, Tornadoes v Anthill Mob, President's Men v Alleytwits.
Monday, February 27th
Cawston All Cup QF
La Crème v Wootton Wobblers (*at The George*)
Friday, March 3rd
Cawston All Cup QF
No Hopers v Marksmen (at The Pilot Boat), Anthill Mob v President's Men (Wootton Club), Roadrunners v Flyers (The George)

Table Tennis

Valuable win for Shipton A

SHIPTON Gorge A secured a tight 20-18 win over YMCA this week to ease their Weymouth & District Table Tennis League Division One relegation fears.

Miranda Edwardes scored a maximum nine points as well as teaming up with Gil Roberts (4) for a 3-0 doubles win to round the evening off. Terry Whitworth also chipped in with four points of his own.

The win over mid-table YMCA sees them widen the gap to 43 points over Colliton X and Springfield B who both lost.

However Shipton Gorge C's attempt to secure a Division Two mid-table place suffered a blow when they were beaten 26-11 away at Pilgrims A.

Tom Baldry (4) got the only singles victory of the night for Shipton and also secured a 3-1 doubles win with partner Trevor Deadman-Spall (2).

All fixtures, results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	13	25
Well Hung Clocks	13	18
BSC	13	18
Nomads	14	18
Five Sticky Fingers	14	16
Hands of Time	14	14
Noth'n But Treble	13	10
Les Miserables	14	7
Nags Head A	13	6
Rubber Johns	13	2

180s; Tony Young 7, Terry Prowse 6, Nigel Lamb & Ryan Cross both 4, eight players x3, seven players x2, 22 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	14	22
Odds or Us	14	20
Young Darters	14	20
One for the Vikings	14	19
Respect-de-Bull	14	18
Elders	14	16
Otter Rotters	14	7
Anchor Five	14	7
Dat Team	14	6
No Direction	14	5

180s; Ashley Parker & Stuart Alner both 4, Andy Reid 3, Ashley Parker, Simon Moye & Dan Rawlings all 2, 12 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	14	22
Poachers	14	21
Dart Vaders	13	19
The Surgeons	14	18
Midnight Runners	14	14
Tiger Bees	14	12
Anchor Vale Viewers	14	11
Flashes Fives	13	9
Royal Hawks	13	6
Time Bombs	13	4

180s; Paul Gumbrill 3, Danny Sorrell 2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, Alistair Coutts, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrill & all 1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Wicked Team Name	14	22
No Chance	14	21
Dodgers	14	19
-1-11	14	17
Whamo	14	15
The Nameless	13	14
Odds & Sods	14	10
Sorted Odds	14	10
Hopeful Bashers	14	9
The Royal Nuts	13	1

180s; Andy Page, Paul Bearpark, Paul Lewis, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all 1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	20	38
Arrows Awry	20	30
Queens Bees	20	30
Sue's Rebels	20	26
Clocking On	20	25
Odd One Out	20	25
Queenies of the Club	20	21
Castaways	20	18
Against the Odds	20	15
Charlie's Angels	19	14
Don's Damsels	20	12
Good Mates	20	10
Tiger Stripes	19	7
Drunking Aware	20	7

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all 1.

West Dorset Hockey

Hawks go close to causing upset

West Dorset Hawks 3
Plymouth University A 4

WEST Dorset Hawks came within minutes of causing a huge upset in the Davis Wood League Southern Two as they led league leaders Plymouth University A with five minutes remaining, but with ageing legs starting to tire against the young students who employed a full set of substitutes, it was very much an Alamo scenario.

Without captain Rick Steele and Gavin Brooking, both injured, Hawks should have had pre-warning of what to expect having been beaten the previous week by the students of Camborne School of Mines, and as a result they changed their formation to try and counter their speed by packing the midfield and forcing the students to play down the wings.

It seemed to have the desired effect, and the hosts took the lead inside five minutes when they won a short corner from which Alex Davies converted. Uni became agitated and were soon in trouble with referees Dave Foot and Brooking and a player was sent to the sin bin.

The Hawks seized the opportunity and extended their lead midway through the half when Simon Wakely found lone striker Davies who did the rest, taking it around the sweeper before smashing home his shot.

Back to full strength, Plymouth began to take control but could not breach the home defence before half time, during which arguments - and some fisticuffs - were observed between the visitors!

The stoppage seemed to break the Hawks' rhythm as the game became feistier. Goodfellow was carded during which time Plymouth pulled a goal back from a short corner.

It was almost one-way traffic now but West Dorset struck again when Davies was on hand to complete is hat trick after Dan Wyatt's shot from a short corner had rebounded off the keeper.

Despite a 3-1 lead, the cracks were beginning to show in the last quarter as the Hawks were finding difficulty repelling the opposition, and inevitably they pulled one back from a short corner, and then with the excellent Jim Bowditch sidelined for an offence, a Uni striker showed excellent skills in the D to draw level.

The winner came in the dying seconds when stand-in skipper Russell Coombs had no option to block off a certain goal, resulting in a fourth Hawk being sin binned. Hawks desperately defended the resultant free hit but, after pinballing around the D, a visiting stick turned it goalwards and it heartbreakingly dribbled over line.

Coombs said: "It was heartbreaking to lose it in the final seconds, but we can take heart from a gutsy performance. However fair play to Plymouth who are a very fit and talented side. They put us under relentless pressure in the second half. West Dorset travel to Bude on Saturday.

Southern Two	Pld	Pts
Plymouth Uni A	17	43
Chard	16	40
Penzance	17	39
Camborne School of Mines	16	32
Bude	16	31
WEST DORSET	17	21
Caradon	16	20
PGSOB A	17	19
Bridgwater A	17	19
ECV Hornets	17	15
Taunton Vale C	17	7
Devonport Services	17	3

Tivvy hand out a tonking

Tiverton 8 West Dorset A 1

WEST Dorset A were given a hammering by Tiverton team who are in a two-horse race to be crowned league champions.

Another selection headache saw the Hawks travel with only nine recognised squad players, and were assisted by talented 14-year-old Albert Steele.

The Hawks got off to a flyer when Krystian Dubas set Matt Stones clear inside the first three minutes and he calmly slotted the ball pass the onrushing keeper.

The Hawks kept pressing with the tireless midfield of Dubas, Rick Steele, Ed Calvert and Richard Wilson, but eventually the hosts scored their 100th goal of the season.

The floodgates then opened and Tivvt added four more before the break.

The second half started well for the visitors, who kept Tiverton at bay for 20 minutes before they conceded a further three goals before the final whistle.

Despite the score line, the Hawks made a game of it but ultimately the extra class and extra man came up trumps.

Skipper Alex Drew said: "We can't be disappointed in the circumstances. It was inconceivable that we would take the lead against a team who in their 12 leagues games prior to this had scored 99 and only conceded seven."

The Hawks welcome Chard A on Saturday.

Team: Alex Drew (c), Krystian Dubas, Bruce Maltby, Ollie Gargrave, Richard Wilson, Mike Harvey, Rick Steele, Ed Calvert, Matt Stones, Albert Steele.

South East Two	Pld	Pts
Exeter University F	14	39
Tiverton	13	37
Chard A	13	27
Chard B	13	24
WEST DORSET A	13	17
Taunton Vale D	15	16
Minehead B	15	15
Dart A	15	13
East Devon C	14	12
ECV Hornets B	15	3*

Indoor Bowls

Daters through to national area final

BRIDPORT & West Dorset Club's Pamela Daters has reached the area final of the National Ladies Championship after beating Barbara Lacey of Dorchester 21-15 in the semi-final.

Daters will now play either Sue Evans or Sadie Lloyd, both from Taunton Deane, in order to progress to the final stages to be held at Melton & District on the weekend of March March 31st and April 1st.

Meanwhile, she was also part of the Ladies A team that had a great win over second placed Bournemouth A in the County League Division One where they took the maximum eight points.

Francis Hewett, Millie Meech, Laura Taylor & Pat Cornick won 17-13, whilst Daters, Lyn Craddock, Margaret Pestelle & Sue Walsh scored a three count on the final end to secure a 20-16 victory.

Bournemouth had their revenge in the County Knock-Out Cup winning by three shots overall.

Bridport's Mixed Friendly side managed to snatch 75-76 defeat from the jaws of victory in their match against Severalls where they were 11 shots up with three ends left!

Sharon Heath, Brian Parker, Gerry Moss & Derek Earwood had a superb 28-7 win, whilst Bernard Perry, Penny Pither, Robin Pither & Mike Fletcher were heroes and villains. From 20-9 up they dropped seven shots over the last three ends but won 20-16.

Chris Thorner, Les Heath, Erica Sarson & Brian Pratt also finished poorly dropping 2, 2, 4 counts to lose 15-30, and Sylvia Fletcher, Brian Suffling, Kevin Rendell & David Jenkin lost 12-23.

Bridport's Sandra and Mel Hargett and Lyn & Peter Sandall came back smiling from their short break at Potters Resort, winning the trophy for the week's top team.

■ **TOP TEAM:** Four Bridport bowlers came back from a break at Potters Resort after winning the award for the week's top team (l-r): Mel Hargett, Lyn Sandall, England international Greg Harlow, Sandra Hargett and Peter Sandall.

Moonfleet B 48 East Dorset B 36

WITH one home and one away rink, Moonfleet took on East Dorset B in the first round matchofthe Dorset inter-club Knockout competition.

The home rink of Pam Hayward, Mary Corben, Sue Paull & skip Trixie Dempsey had a close start and were one shot ahead 8–7 after seven ends against the East Dorset rink with skip B Doling.

This close contest continued during the middle part of the game and by halfway Moonfleet were still just ahead 16–14.

But they dominated over the final nine ends and, winning six of these, added 10 shots to East Dorset's four to finish with a comfortable 26–18 victory.

At East Dorset the Moonfleet rink of Mary Dunne, Ruby Spavins, Judy Why & skip Jill Gwilliam moved into an early lead against the home rink with skip Maria Glynn and they kept ahead until the 12th end when the home rink bagged a six-shot haul to take the lead 14–11.

The Moonfleet quartet kept their nerve and increased the pressure to level the score at 15-15 by end 16.

The final five ends belonged to the Moonfleet Ladies and, with the help of four shots on the penultimate end, they claimed a 22–18 victory and an overall 48–36 total to take them into the next round.

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures.
Mens Pairs – R3
Tonight (*Wednesday)*
Tiger - J Peach & D Langridge; M Huxter & N Gurd; C Willcox & N Willcox; M Hooper & J Symes; R Pincombe & I Pincombe;T Cleal & A Way; M Powell & S Lee; S Gale & L Farnham.

Ladies Pairs – R1 (no byes)
Thursday, February 23rd
Ilchester - S Newman & G Legg; M Hansford & B Crandon; H Doble & M Paulley; J Cake & M Dare; K Symes & S Luter; S Tompkins & J Parsons; J Brooks & M Brooks; C Huxter & R Chubb; K Tuck & J Symes.

Ladies Threes Final
Tuesday, February 28th
West Dorset Club — Yondover Three; Middle Talent; Alleycats; Snaps.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	12	23
Rockets	14	20
Rejects	14	17
Denhay	14	16
Masters	12	13
Nelson Nobblers	12	12
Rough Eight	14	12
Wanderers	12	12
Broadoak	14	10
Slingers	13	9
U Know the Blokes	13	8
Lively Lads	14	6

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	13	18
The Dingles	13	17
Countrymen	13	14
Originals	12	14
Survivors	13	14
Outsiders	13	13
Bangers	13	12
Lost in Time	12	12
Castouts	13	10
Dingbats	11	10
Aussies Lot	12	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	14	24
NBC	13	20
Pioneers	14	20
LHS	14	18
Wickers	13	18
Whiskey Chasers	13	14
Unknowns	14	12
Stingers	14	11
Brandy Snaps	13	8
Groundhogs	13	8
Yo Yo's	14	7

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	14	28
Strawpeedoes	12	20
BFC	13	20
Alleycats	14	18
Featherbeds	13	18
Hidden Talent	12	10
Let em Roll	12	10
Firebirds	13	8
Offcuts	12	6
Pinbashers	11	6

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	11	27
Wozo's Warriors	9	24
Smack the Rack	11	22
Hunters Hot Pots	10	19
Old Cobbies	11	13
Drunken Sailors	10	13
Nags Head Trotters	10	12
Real Talbot	11	6
Ranger & Friends	9	0

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	13	26
Nags Head A	10	20
Clockadoodledoo	12	16
Nags Z	12	15
Rock Point A	10	14
Hunters Lodge	11	12
Royal Standard	12	12
Talbot Arms	11	8
Four Play	11	8
Cobb Arms	10	4
Janners	10	4
Half an Octopus	12	3
See you Next Thurs	10	2

180s: R.Cross 5, T.Prowse &T.Young both 4, T.Bond, D.Herbert & R.Powell all 3, R.Coombe & B.Grainger both 2, 11 players x1.

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Fricker not panicking as poor run continues

Cadbury Heath 3 Bridport 0
Toolstation Premier Division – att: 51

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DESPITE suffering their seventh consecutive defeat, and without a win since before Christmas, Bridport manager Adam Fricker believes his side is good enough to maintain their place in the Toolstation Western League Premier Division.

Defeat at Cadbury Heath came following another bad piece of luck that saw the Bees struggling to pick themselves up in the first half.

However, following a verbal pick-me-up from assistant manager Paddy Behan who was blunt in his assessment, the players reacted and produced a much better performance creating a number of chances.

Fricker said: "It is hard to criticize the players because they continue to work hard, but when you are down on your luck and in a rut it is hard to pick yourselves up.

"We started brightly but fell behind to a 25-yard shot that hit a bobble and bounced over Jason Hutchings' arm."

Heath made hay whilst the sun shone and, with confidence low, they took advantage with two more goals before the break.

"The players reacted well to Paddy's halftime talk and we were much better in the second period, but unfortunately we need to make sure we start strongly, it's no good when you are three down at the interval."

The squad was depleted once again without the injured Ed Butcher, unavailable Leigh Bailey and with Braeden Symes on the bench with a groin strain.

Fricker has no doubt that his team have more than enough to get out of the rut they are in starting with the must-win home game against bottom side Hallen this Saturday (k.o. 3pm).

"We've had a tough run of games and I think we may have picked up points from the postponed games which would have given us a boost.

"Then when we got started again it hasn't helped only having the same 13 players available for three matches in eight days.

"These include the two most experienced ones in Ryan Hayter and Mark Salter who are both only fresh back from injuries."

"Paddy and I are upbeat about the situation. We didn't expect to be a bottom five team when we joined, and neither do I think we are, and we won't settle for it.

"From what we have seen we are as good if not better than a lot of the teams in our league on our day.

"We knew it was a bedding in season for us and the team, and we have identified what we need to move forward.

"It's a pity we weren't able to hold on to another two or three of the Bridport lads that left in the summer, but that's football.

"Next season we are aiming for a top ten finish for which we know we are more than capable, but we need luck which hasn't been with us this year.

"Right now we need to do ourselves justice for the rest of the season starting with Hallen on Saturday."

Symes is still only expected to take his place on the bench, whilst Butcher will be another 10-14 days minimum, but Bailey will be back from work commitments.

Meanwhile Fricker has identified another young player in Kameron Andrews, a 17-year-old midfielder who came off the bench at Cadbury Heath.

"We felt he wasn't strong enough to get enough minutes in the summer so he joined Sherborne where he has played several games having previously played for South Petherton in the Perry Street League. He is now back with us.

"He looked good on the ball, is keen, and looks a bright prospect."

◆ **POTENTIAL:** Kameron Andrews in action for South Petherton in the Chard Hospital Cup final back in August.

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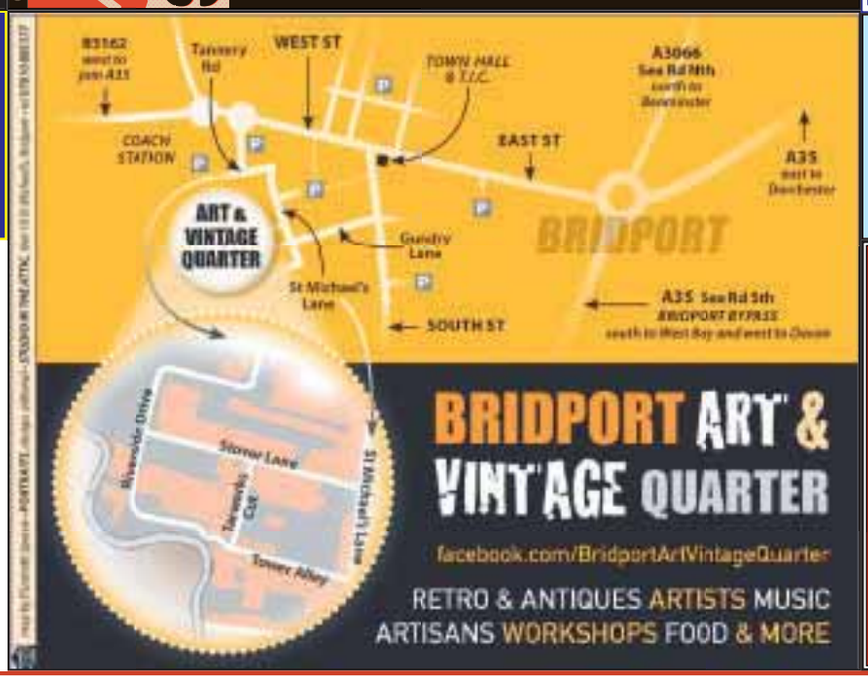

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